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# VOLUME I
# ECONOMIC PROFILE

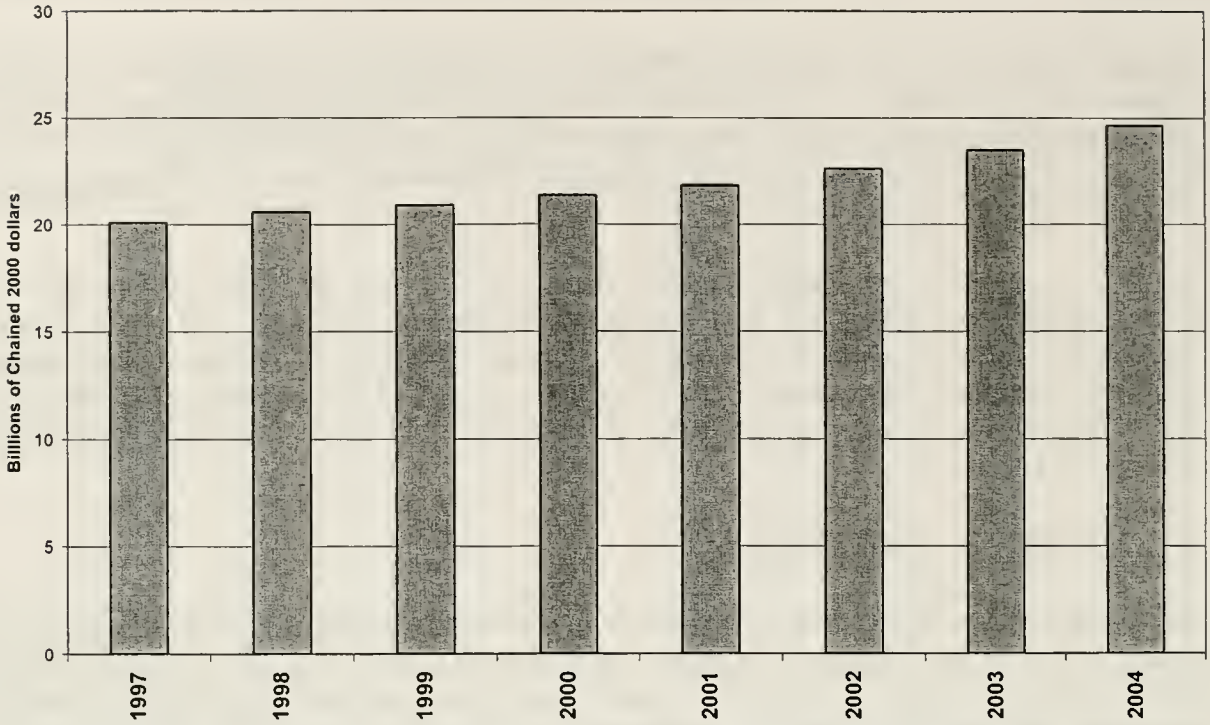
Volume I presents and analyzes Montana economic data by county including income and poverty data from the U.S. Census Bureau, employment, earnings and income data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), and labor force statistics from the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (MDOLI) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

In 2004, Montana's per capita personal income (PCPI) was $26,857, ranked 45th in the United States and was 81% of the national average of $32,937. Per capita personal income is total income divided by total population. The 2004 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.0% from 2003, compared to the national increase of 4.2%. Since 2000, Montana's PCPI has increased an average of 4.2% annually. Montana's PCPI has ranked below 40th since 1984.

## ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

To gauge overall economic progress in the Montana economy, one measure is the value of goods and services produced by Montana businesses (Gross State Product). Gross State Product (GSP) is determined by summing up the dollar value of goods and services produced and sold by businesses in the state. In general, GSP will increase over time because it reflects both prices and quantities of products sold. As the general price level rises over time, GSP may increase even if the quantity of products being sold has not changed. A better indicator of changes over time in the state is Real (or constant dollar) Gross State product. Real GSP has had the effects of price changes removed and gives a clearer idea of what is happening to production or sales levels within the state. The chart "Real Montana Gross State Product" on the next page illustrates the relationship of real GSP in Montana from 1997 through 2003. Data for 2003, and revised data for 1997 – 2002, was released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) on December 15, 2004. Revisions were necessary due to the change in categorization of industries from the U.S. Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system to the North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS).

**Real Montana Gross State Product**

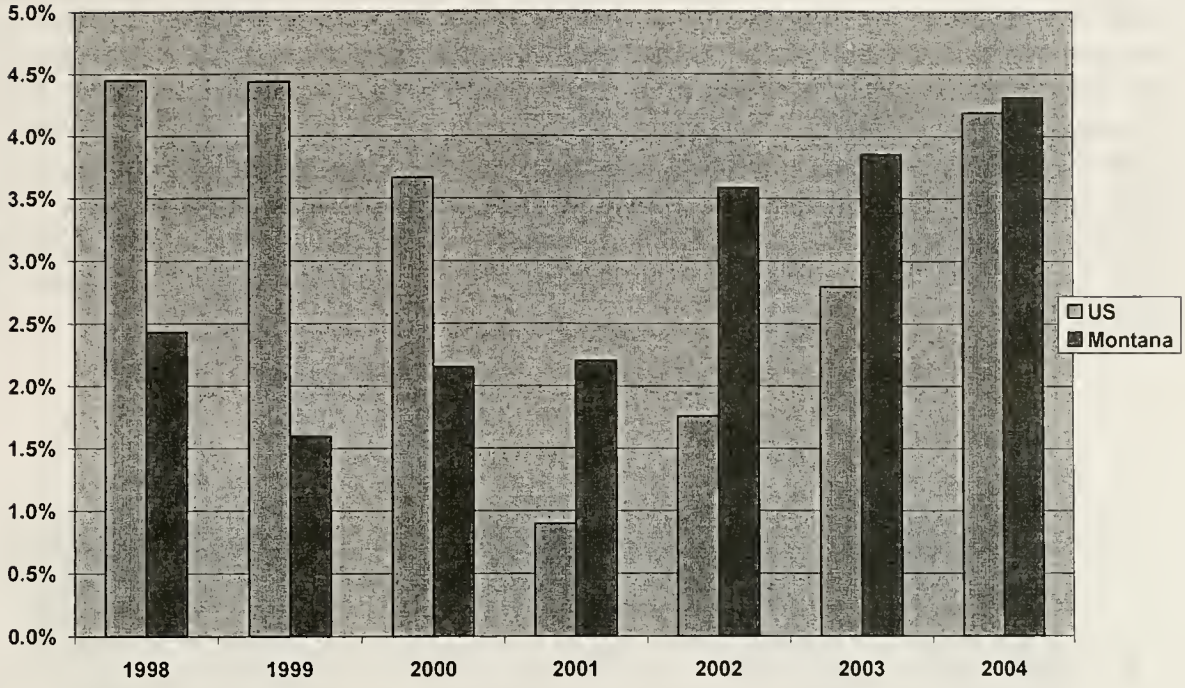



**Data is presented in chained 2000 dollars so that it is comparable across time periods. This removes the effect of inflation. Periodically, government agencies like the BEA will update the base year used.**

In general, the state has increased its production of goods and services except for the mid to latter 1980's. Since 1997, Montana's real GSP has increased an average of 3.0% per year. The increases in 2003 (3.9%) and 2004 (4.9%) were the highest over the past 8 years.

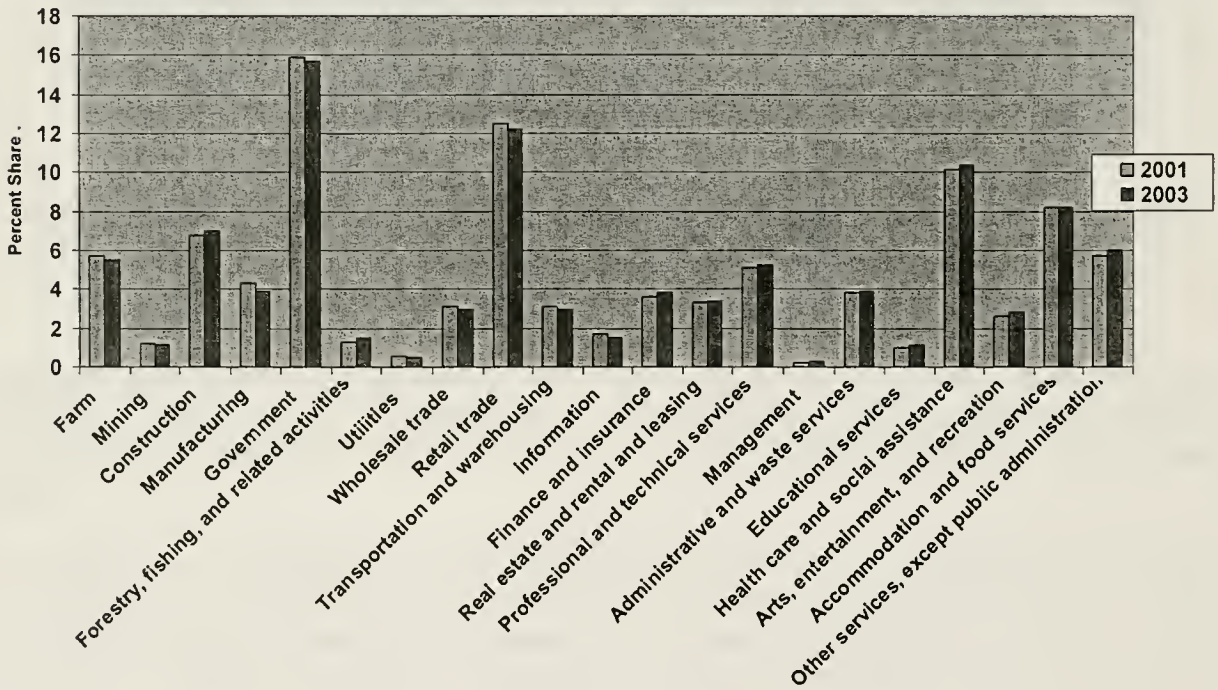
The year-to-year variability is more apparent in the chart on the following page, which shows effectively the change in quantities produced from one year to the next. This chart (data from BEA) reflects the decline in the state's economy from 1998 through 1999 and the gradual improvement since then. In fact, the increase in GSP for Montana during the past four years has outstripped the national growth rate.

**Percent Change in Montana Real Gross State Product compared to U.S.**
**(chained 2000 dollars)**



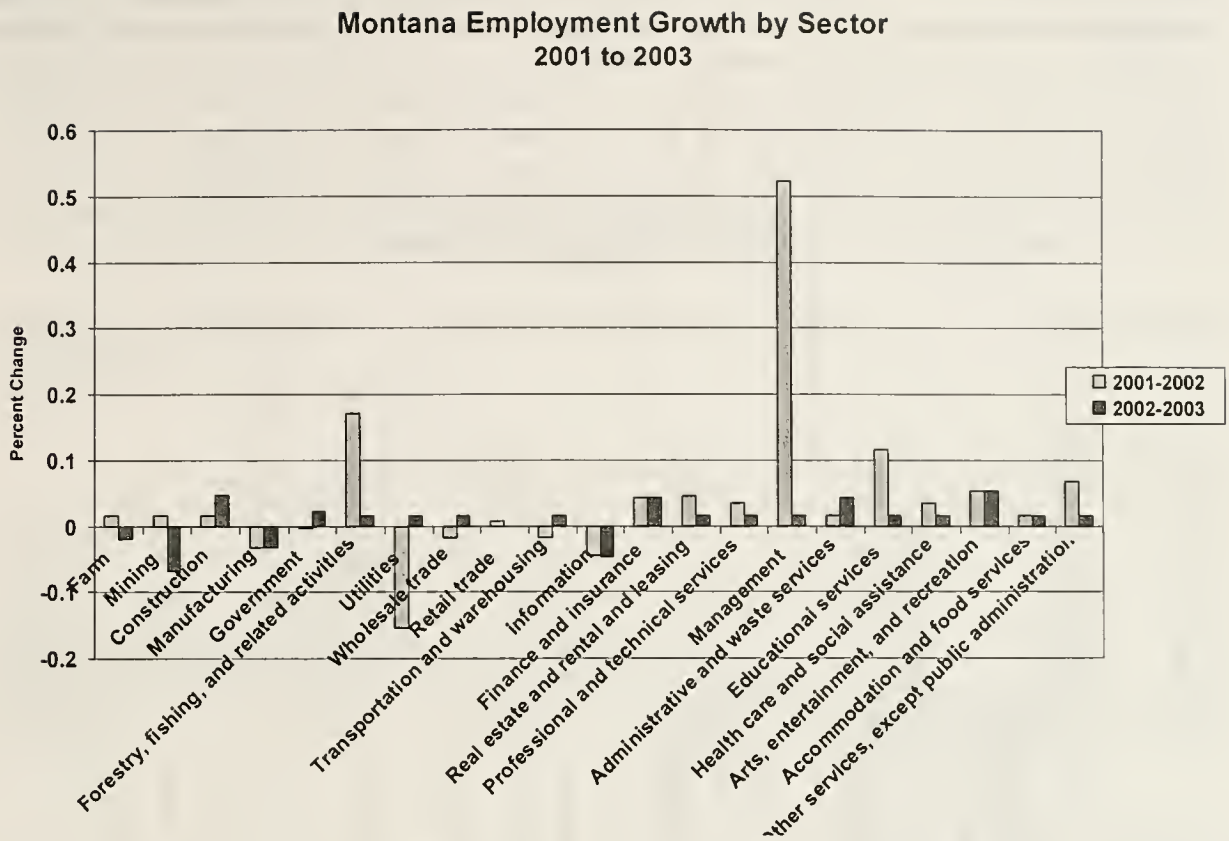
Although the overall improvement in the Montana economy is reflected in Gross State Product, these numbers provide no information on whether the trend is consistent across all industries within the state. Employment data by industry can be used to further analyze what is occurring in the Montana economy. Initially, businesses are divided into sectors by NAICS codes and then the employment trends in each sector are calculated as a share of the total employment within the state[1]. An examination of changes in the share of employment provides information on which sectors of the state's economy are increasing or declining in relative importance. The chart on the next page (data from BEA) provides a basis for comparing changes in sectors from 2001 to 2003. Industry level data for 2004 is not available at the date of this report. The change from SIC to NAICS does not allow for comparison of data prior to 2001 with more recent data.

**Share of Statewide Employment by Sector**
**2001 to 2003**




The relative importance of a sector to the state's economy as evidenced by its share is showing only slight changes during the three-year period for which data exists. This is not unexpected because the time period involved in constructing and starting up a business is between one and three years.

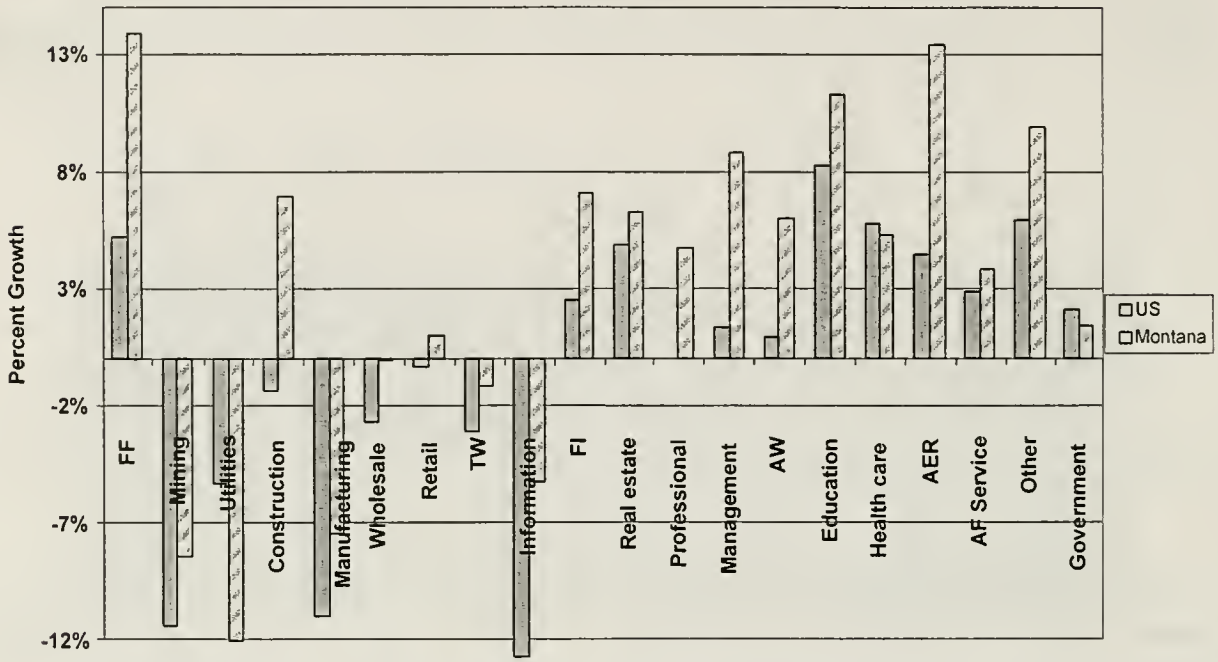
[1] In 2002, the BEA changed from the SIC system (standard industrial classification) to the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) for data collection.




Examining growth rates by sector provides more information on expansion or contraction of industries within the state. Mining, agriculture and information sectors declined during the most recent period. Arts, entertainment and recreation showed the largest percentage growth during the 2002-2003 time period.

To better understand the changes in Montana's economy between 2001 and 2003, it is useful to compare the changes to the trend nationally for the same industries. This chart displays the rate of growth of the different sectors nationwide and the rate of growth of the same sectors in Montana (data from BEA).

**Montana vs. United States**
**Growth by Industry Sector**
**2001-2003**




**FF = forestry and fishery TW = transportation and warehousing FI = finance and insurance**
**AW = administrative and waste services AER = arts, entertainment and recreation**
**AF = accommodation and food services**

Construction, finance and insurance, management and education fared substantially better in Montana than in the U.S. as a whole. Retail continued to expand, as did arts, entertainment and recreation. Some slower growth than nationally was seen in government and health care.

## LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Labor force statistics are collected by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, under rules established by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and represent the civilian labor force, including self-employed persons and paid family workers. The primary source for these statistics is a monthly survey of 950 households throughout Montana.

The labor force is defined as the number of persons 16 years and older, either employed or unemployed, excluding members of the armed forces. Employment is defined as those persons who work for pay or profit during the week. Also included as employed are persons who were not working but had some job attachment and were not looking for work (such persons may be temporarily absent from a job due to illness, weather, vacation, labor dispute, whether or not they were being paid during their time off). The unemployment rate is defined as the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labor force. These labor force statistics represent the most recent data as of the date of this report. Data is periodically re-estimated.

Below is a summary of labor force and employment statistics for the 6 largest counties in Montana:

| | Average Annual Labor Force | | | | Change 2001 - 2004 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | # | % |
| Cascade | 36,963 | 36,217 | 36,527 | 39,209 | 2,246 | 6.1% |
| Flathead | 40,576 | 40,321 | 41,632 | 41,868 | 1,292 | 3.2% |
| Gallatin | 44,254 | 44,562 | 46,034 | 44,764 | 510 | 1.2% |
| Lewis & Clark | 27,729 | 27,588 | 28,393 | 31,139 | 3,410 | 12.3% |
| Missoula | 52,577 | 54,287 | 56,669 | 57,504 | 4,927 | 9.4% |
| Yellowstone | 67,806 | 70,226 | 72,032 | 77,183 | 9,377 | 13.8% |
| **Montana** | **463,507** | **463,516** | **474,910** | **483,043** | **19,536** | **4.2%** |

| | Average Annual Employment | | | | Change 2001 - 2004 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | # | % |
| Cascade | 35,286 | 35,315 | 34,853 | 37,566 | 2,280 | 6.5% |
| Flathead | 38,190 | 38,098 | 38,960 | 39,625 | 1,435 | 3.8% |
| Gallatin | 43,139 | 43,762 | 44,725 | 43,270 | 131 | 0.3% |
| Lewis & Clark | 26,431 | 27,003 | 27,279 | 29,940 | 3,509 | 13.3% |
| Missoula | 50,602 | 50,894 | 54,480 | 55,229 | 4,627 | 9.1% |
| Yellowstone | 65,457 | 65,647 | 69,436 | 74,473 | 9,016 | 13.8% |
| **Montana** | **452,124** | **442,000** | **442,144** | **461,746** | **9,622** | **2.1%** |

| | Average Annual Unemployment Rate | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | Change 2001 - 2004 | |
| Cascade | 4.5% | 4.3% | 4.6% | 4.2% | -0.3 | -6.7% |
| Flathead | 5.9% | 5.6% | 6.4% | 5.4% | -0.5 | -8.5% |
| Gallatin | 2.5% | 2.7% | 2.8% | 3.3% | 0.8 | 32.0% |
| Lewis & Clark | 4.4% | 4.3% | 3.9% | 3.9% | -0.5 | -11.4% |
| Missoula | 3.8% | 3.9% | 3.9% | 4.0% | 0.2 | 5.3% |
| Yellowstone | 3.5% | 3.7% | 3.6% | 3.5% | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| **Montana** | **4.6%** | **4.6%** | **4.7%** | **4.4%** | -0.2 | -4.3% |

Statewide, the average annual labor force increased by 4% and the average annual employment showed a small increase from 2001 to 2004, while the average annual unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points or 4.3%. Cascade, Lewis and Clark, and Yellowstone counties all showed a decrease in their unemployment rate while Flathead, Gallatin and Missoula counties showed an increase in their unemployment rate.

Historical detail by county of labor force, employment, and the unemployment rate are on the following three pages. The sum of individual counties may not agree to the Montana total due to rounding.

From 1996 to 2004, Montana's labor force has increased 8.77%, while average annual employment has increased 9.76%. During the same time period, the unemployment rate dropped .9 percentage points or a 17% drop in the unemployment rate.

Some counties within Montana have enjoyed solid employment growth while other areas have continually languished. Carter, Chouteau, Daniels, Gallatin, McCone and Powder River counties have maintained an average unemployment rate of 3.0% or below since 1995. Big Horn, Glacier, and Lincoln counties have experienced an average unemployment rate of 10.0% or higher since 1996. Since 1996, the following counties have experienced at least a 3.0 percentage point drop in their unemployment rate: Blaine, Glacier, Philips, Rosebud, Roosevelt and Sanders, while Hill County experienced a 3.0 percentage point increase in its unemployment rate.

TABLE I.1
ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE IN MONTANA
Montana Department of Labor and Industry

| COUNTY | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaverhead | 4,891 | 4,945 | 5,024 | 5,161 | 5,152 | 5,034 | 5,035 | 4,831 | 4,940 | 5,033 |
| Big Horn | 4,888 | 5,024 | 5,117 | 5,226 | 5,417 | 5,832 | 5,264 | 5,080 | 5,111 | 5,059 |
| Blaine | 2,815 | 2,879 | 2,838 | 2,936 | 2,976 | 2,914 | 2,657 | 2,591 | 2,607 | 2,848 |
| Broadwater | 1,858 | 1,912 | 2,056 | 2,143 | 2,137 | 2,139 | 2,053 | 2,103 | 2,185 | 2,277 |
| Carbon | 4,232 | 4,461 | 4,603 | 4,751 | 4,857 | 4,843 | 4,672 | 4,613 | 4,654 | 5,366 |
| Carter | 873 | 947 | 918 | 1,008 | 1,079 | 1,088 | 920 | 896 | 914 | 712 |
| Cascade | 36,679 | 36,822 | 37,638 | 38,229 | 37,320 | 27,474 | 36,963 | 36,217 | 36,527 | 39,209 |
| Chouteau | 2,615 | 2,731 | 2,686 | 2,839 | 2,933 | 2,936 | 2,693 | 2,489 | 2,542 | 2,633 |
| Custer | 5,893 | 5,947 | 5,958 | 6,203 | 6,074 | 6,102 | 5,899 | 5,678 | 5,715 | 5,756 |
| Daniels | 1,200 | 1,265 | 1,266 | 1,324 | 1,316 | 1,319 | 1,205 | 1,187 | 1,125 | 818 |
| Dawson | 4,728 | 4,719 | 4,764 | 4,956 | 5,064 | 5,044 | 4,889 | 4,791 | 4,834 | 4,305 |
| Deer Lodge | 3,869 | 3,743 | 3,757 | 3,919 | 3,934 | 3,976 | 3,872 | 3,840 | 3,575 | 3,929 |
| Fallon | 1,522 | 1,628 | 1,671 | 1,737 | 1,729 | 1,661 | 1,543 | 1,589 | 1,580 | 1,617 |
| Fergus | 5,858 | 6,101 | 6,189 | 6,372 | 6,412 | 6,476 | 6,090 | 5,927 | 5,943 | 5,860 |
| Flathead | 35,663 | 36,499 | 37,394 | 38,117 | 37,884 | 38,333 | 40,576 | 40,321 | 41,632 | 41,868 |
| Gallatin | 35,914 | 37,695 | 39,125 | 40,492 | 42,441 | 43,439 | 44,254 | 44,562 | 46,034 | 44,764 |
| Garfield | 878 | 928 | 901 | 968 | 1,071 | 1,086 | 920 | 875 | 884 | 662 |
| Glacier | 5,573 | 5,614 | 5,642 | 5,651 | 5,484 | 5,359 | 5,226 | 5,153 | 5,372 | 5,942 |
| Golden Valley | 482 | 498 | 484 | 528 | 579 | 594 | 493 | 460 | 475 | 492 |
| Granite | 1,092 | 1,124 | 1,144 | 1,212 | 1,232 | 1,249 | 1,144 | 1,121 | 1,126 | 1,304 |
| Hill | 8,907 | 8,950 | 8,973 | 9,218 | 8,993 | 8,957 | 9,169 | 9,170 | 9,305 | 8,091 |
| Jefferson | 4,596 | 4,783 | 4,897 | 5,061 | 5,119 | 4,999 | 4,831 | 4,870 | 5,023 | 5,439 |
| Judith Basin | 1,050 | 1,099 | 1,082 | 1,153 | 1,231 | 1,234 | 1,154 | 1,083 | 1,112 | 1,107 |
| Lake | 10,244 | 10,630 | 10,910 | 11,261 | 12,384 | 12,572 | 11,752 | 11,545 | 11,641 | 11,670 |
| Lewis & Clark | 27,399 | 27,463 | 27,969 | 28,042 | 27,951 | 28,643 | 27,729 | 27,588 | 28,393 | 31,139 |
| Liberty | 1,090 | 1,091 | 1,058 | 1,151 | 1,228 | 1,219 | 1,085 | 1,038 | 1,062 | 884 |
| Lincoln | 7,363 | 7,108 | 7,216 | 7,419 | 7,066 | 6,962 | 6,739 | 6,703 | 7,018 | 7,743 |
| McCone | 1,156 | 1,190 | 1,170 | 1,251 | 1,307 | 1,315 | 1,167 | 1,139 | 1,138 | 1,025 |
| Madison | 3,470 | 3,586 | 3,631 | 3,765 | 3,996 | 4,018 | 4,011 | 3,850 | 3,909 | 3,725 |
| Meagher | 938 | 955 | 956 | 1,003 | 1,077 | 1,116 | 1,045 | 930 | 963 | 936 |
| Mineral | 1,684 | 1,622 | 1,672 | 1,713 | 1,672 | 1,669 | 1,713 | 1,639 | 1,637 | 1,930 |
| Missoula | 47,746 | 49,672 | 51,096 | 52,005 | 53,561 | 55,128 | 52,577 | 54,287 | 56,669 | 57,504 |
| Musselshell | 1,923 | 1,925 | 1,930 | 1,963 | 1,841 | 1,853 | 1,753 | 1,770 | 1,788 | 2,118 |
| Park | 9,984 | 10,356 | 10,406 | 10,568 | 10,350 | 10,381 | 9,894 | 9,580 | 9,621 | 8,874 |
| Petroleum | 298 | 309 | 298 | 323 | 371 | 379 | 306 | 281 | 292 | 222 |
| Philips | 2,432 | 2,442 | 2,374 | 2,503 | 2,438 | 2,368 | 2,154 | 2,087 | 2,121 | 2,175 |
| Pondera | 2,991 | 3,140 | 3,159 | 3,357 | 3,452 | 3,466 | 3,195 | 3,092 | 3,134 | 2,715 |
| Powder River | 1,141 | 1,248 | 1,230 | 1,302 | 1,309 | 1,308 | 1,157 | 1,150 | 1,152 | 932 |
| Powell | 2,345 | 2,411 | 2,443 | 2,517 | 2,541 | 2,566 | 2,315 | 2,351 | 2,366 | 2,694 |
| Prairie | 646 | 671 | 658 | 686 | 686 | 704 | 637 | 626 | 604 | 568 |
| Ravalli | 15,039 | 15,909 | 16,436 | 16,988 | 17,624 | 17,936 | 18,623 | 18,544 | 19,252 | 18,219 |
| Richland | 5,371 | 5,374 | 5,482 | 5,669 | 5,716 | 5,710 | 5,386 | 5,317 | 5,228 | 4,931 |
| Roosevelt | 4,094 | 4,015 | 3,991 | 4,117 | 4,351 | 4,324 | 3,954 | 4,003 | 4,137 | 4,130 |
| Rosebud | 4,674 | 4,530 | 4,620 | 4,314 | 4,570 | 4,610 | 4,610 | 4,420 | 4,782 | 4,325 |
| Sanders | 4,078 | 4,042 | 4,063 | 4,069 | 4,298 | 4,285 | 4,323 | 4,309 | 4,464 | 4,663 |
| Sheridan | 2,057 | 2,035 | 2,033 | 2,158 | 2,184 | 2,164 | 1,930 | 1,909 | 1,928 | 1,804 |
| Silver Bow | 16,658 | 16,866 | 17,337 | 17,913 | 17,569 | 17,041 | 16,441 | 16,433 | 16,679 | 17,324 |
| Stillwater | 3,697 | 3,923 | 4,044 | 4,189 | 4,736 | 4,843 | 5,540 | 5,369 | 5,330 | 4,525 |
| Sweet Grass | 1,655 | 1,692 | 1,713 | 1,786 | 1,811 | 1,833 | 1,912 | 1,832 | 1,839 | 2,653 |
| Teton | 2,980 | 3,112 | 3,073 | 3,275 | 3,496 | 3,511 | 3,168 | 3,157 | 3,202 | 3,001 |
| Toole | 2,767 | 2,794 | 2,782 | 2,874 | 2,983 | 2,937 | 2,724 | 2,689 | 2,922 | 2,586 |
| Treasure | 425 | 440 | 434 | 477 | 509 | 519 | 482 | 422 | 454 | 420 |
| Valley | 4,184 | 4,358 | 4,349 | 4,461 | 4,342 | 4,259 | 4,093 | 4,115 | 4,267 | 3,763 |
| Wheatland | 1,281 | 1,348 | 1,351 | 1,379 | 1,277 | 1,260 | 1,223 | 1,119 | 1,124 | 1,056 |
| Wibaux | 561 | 566 | 564 | 604 | 593 | 602 | 544 | 555 | 555 | 518 |
| Yellowstone | 66,500 | 66,964 | 68,270 | 69,776 | 71,439 | 72,307 | 67,806 | 70,226 | 72,032 | 77,183 |
| **Montana** | **434,948** | **444,096** | **452,833** | **464,077** | **471,159** | **475,729** | **463,507** | **463,516** | **474,910** | **483,043** |

## TABLE I.2
## ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT IN MONTANA
### Montana Department of Labor and Industry

| COUNTY | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaverhead | 4,706 | 4,762 | 4,837 | 4,952 | 4,936 | 4,843 | 4,875 | 4,589 | 4,759 | 4,850 |
| Big Horn | 4,288 | 4,540 | 4,654 | 4,780 | 4,925 | 4,988 | 4,356 | 4,343 | 4,308 | 4,602 |
| Blaine | 2,553 | 2,604 | 2,558 | 2,680 | 2,744 | 2,720 | 2,508 | 2,436 | 2,465 | 2,717 |
| Broadwater | 1,763 | 1,818 | 1,983 | 2,031 | 2,025 | 2,043 | 1,964 | 1,956 | 2,077 | 2,185 |
| Carbon | 3,997 | 4,226 | 4,352 | 4,487 | 4,624 | 4,598 | 4,458 | 4,425 | 4,477 | 5,156 |
| Carter | 861 | 936 | 901 | 981 | 1,060 | 1,067 | 899 | 864 | 894 | 691 |
| Cascade | 34,850 | 35,221 | 35,783 | 36,302 | 35,527 | 35,467 | 35,286 | 35,315 | 34,853 | 37,566 |
| Chouteau | 2,538 | 2,670 | 2,632 | 2,763 | 2,858 | 2,849 | 2,611 | 2,463 | 2,478 | 2,545 |
| Custer | 5,649 | 5,693 | 5,705 | 5,930 | 5,840 | 5,844 | 5,686 | 5,589 | 5,536 | 5,524 |
| Daniels | 1,172 | 1,241 | 1,247 | 1,293 | 1,282 | 1,282 | 1,171 | 1,155 | 1,100 | 786 |
| Dawson | 4,572 | 4,589 | 4,629 | 4,773 | 4,889 | 4,879 | 4,760 | 4,796 | 4,718 | 4,134 |
| Deer Lodge | 3,532 | 3,482 | 3,529 | 3,645 | 3,646 | 3,656 | 3,600 | 3,676 | 3,343 | 3,680 |
| Fallon | 1,479 | 1,596 | 1,621 | 1,687 | 1,644 | 1,604 | 1,502 | 1,528 | 1,538 | 1,571 |
| Fergus | 5,521 | 5,780 | 5,844 | 5,993 | 6,110 | 6,104 | 5,732 | 5,700 | 5,641 | 5,567 |
| Flathead | 32,919 | 33,953 | 34,763 | 35,279 | 35,431 | 36,011 | 38,190 | 38,098 | 38,960 | 39,625 |
| Gallatin | 35,121 | 36,886 | 38,114 | 39,428 | 41,491 | 42,318 | 43,139 | 43,762 | 44,725 | 43,270 |
| Garfield | 853 | 905 | 871 | 937 | 1,044 | 1,045 | 900 | 838 | 863 | 639 |
| Glacier | 4,776 | 4,870 | 4,883 | 4,865 | 4,727 | 4,654 | 4,629 | 4,620 | 4,745 | 5,466 |
| Golden Valley | 447 | 470 | 455 | 496 | 550 | 561 | 468 | 439 | 442 | 465 |
| Granite | 1,014 | 1,067 | 1,065 | 1,109 | 1,146 | 1,156 | 1,055 | 1,060 | 1,048 | 1,236 |
| Hill | 8,408 | 8,556 | 8,522 | 8,695 | 8,521 | 8,514 | 8,804 | 8,910 | 8,944 | 7,731 |
| Jefferson | 4,403 | 4,564 | 4,697 | 4,842 | 4,919 | 4,740 | 4,686 | 4,787 | 4,805 | 5,211 |
| Judith Basin | 1,007 | 1,058 | 1,032 | 1,108 | 1,183 | 1,182 | 1,111 | 1,022 | 1,063 | 1,062 |
| Lake | 9,469 | 9,918 | 10,179 | 10,482 | 11,679 | 11,808 | 10,725 | 11,059 | 10,857 | 10,997 |
| Lewis & Clark | 26,112 | 26,323 | 26,679 | 26,832 | 26,848 | 27,465 | 26,431 | 27,003 | 27,279 | 29,940 |
| Liberty | 1,068 | 1,074 | 1,035 | 1,119 | 1,183 | 1,181 | 1,053 | 1,009 | 1,030 | 849 |
| Lincoln | 6,296 | 6,303 | 6,370 | 6,482 | 6,231 | 6,150 | 5,979 | 5,996 | 5,901 | 6,989 |
| McCone | 1,126 | 1,154 | 1,134 | 1,209 | 1,266 | 1,275 | 1,139 | 1,126 | 1,111 | 996 |
| Madison | 3,312 | 3,454 | 3,483 | 3,620 | 3,838 | 3,864 | 3,876 | 3,700 | 3,755 | 3,582 |
| Meagher | 886 | 912 | 905 | 953 | 1,016 | 1,037 | 985 | 914 | 911 | 885 |
| Mineral | 1,476 | 1,481 | 1,523 | 1,535 | 1,521 | 1,520 | 1,567 | 1,540 | 1,489 | 1,814 |
| Missoula | 45,498 | 47,871 | 49,110 | 50,046 | 51,932 | 53,352 | 50,602 | 50,894 | 54,480 | 55,229 |
| Musselshell | 1,766 | 1,776 | 1,786 | 1,826 | 1,699 | 1,717 | 1,636 | 1,611 | 1,661 | 1,996 |
| Park | 9,567 | 9,902 | 9,912 | 10,035 | 9,834 | 9,837 | 9,438 | 9,416 | 9,181 | 8,481 |
| Petroleum | 286 | 297 | 286 | 307 | 352 | 358 | 299 | 282 | 278 | 211 |
| Philips | 2,293 | 2,243 | 2,220 | 2,300 | 2,259 | 2,257 | 2,061 | 1,996 | 2,023 | 2,078 |
| Pondera | 2,874 | 3,014 | 3,044 | 3,198 | 3,309 | 3,310 | 3,059 | 3,012 | 2,974 | 2,568 |
| Powder River | 1,120 | 1,233 | 1,211 | 1,264 | 1,269 | 1,271 | 1,135 | 1,118 | 1,121 | 895 |
| Powell | 2,170 | 2,291 | 2,316 | 2,394 | 2,429 | 2,445 | 2,200 | 2,312 | 2,229 | 2,528 |
| Prairie | 619 | 642 | 623 | 645 | 662 | 674 | 607 | 585 | 582 | 541 |
| Ravalli | 14,160 | 15,007 | 15,449 | 15,863 | 16,658 | 17,013 | 17,776 | 17,584 | 18,201 | 17,265 |
| Richland | 5,086 | 5,092 | 5,217 | 5,349 | 5,354 | 5,360 | 5,122 | 5,011 | 4,989 | 4,755 |
| Roosevelt | 3,680 | 3,625 | 3,647 | 3,760 | 3,947 | 3,914 | 3,662 | 3,688 | 3,816 | 3,864 |
| Rosebud | 4,265 | 4,012 | 4,237 | 3,972 | 4,248 | 4,268 | 4,281 | 4,243 | 4,482 | 4,097 |
| Sanders | 3,516 | 3,549 | 3,643 | 3,658 | 3,925 | 3,941 | 3,969 | 3,952 | 4,097 | 4,353 |
| Sheridan | 2,007 | 1,993 | 1,982 | 2,067 | 2,075 | 2,070 | 1,867 | 1,837 | 1,860 | 1,736 |
| Silver Bow | 15,769 | 15,949 | 16,530 | 16,958 | 16,692 | 16,022 | 15,590 | 15,717 | 15,827 | 16,484 |
| Stillwater | 3,531 | 3,760 | 3,838 | 4,008 | 4,568 | 4,613 | 5,370 | 5,181 | 5,169 | 4,364 |
| Sweet Grass | 1,602 | 1,650 | 1,654 | 1,715 | 1,761 | 1,789 | 1,864 | 1,775 | 1,792 | 2,598 |
| Teton | 2,893 | 3,020 | 2,995 | 3,165 | 3,392 | 3,370 | 3,056 | 2,991 | 3,094 | 2,885 |
| Toole | 2,631 | 2,700 | 2,699 | 2,783 | 2,887 | 2,839 | 2,649 | 2,646 | 2,842 | 2,500 |
| Treasure | 412 | 426 | 418 | 453 | 490 | 494 | 467 | 405 | 438 | 402 |
| Valley | 4,018 | 4,185 | 4,187 | 4,287 | 4,165 | 4,091 | 3,950 | 3,951 | 4,116 | 3,605 |
| Wheatland | 1,222 | 1,295 | 1,295 | 1,290 | 1,207 | 1,204 | 1,182 | 1,071 | 1,078 | 1,009 |
| Wibaux | 538 | 546 | 546 | 570 | 572 | 578 | 530 | 528 | 538 | 500 |
| Yellowstone | 63,611 | 64,247 | 65,433 | 67,049 | 68,976 | 69,648 | 65,457 | 65,647 | 69,436 | 74,473 |
| **Montana** | **409,283** | **420,699** | **428,573** | **438,006** | **446,663** | **452,124** | **442,000** | **442,144** | **452,416** | **461,746** |

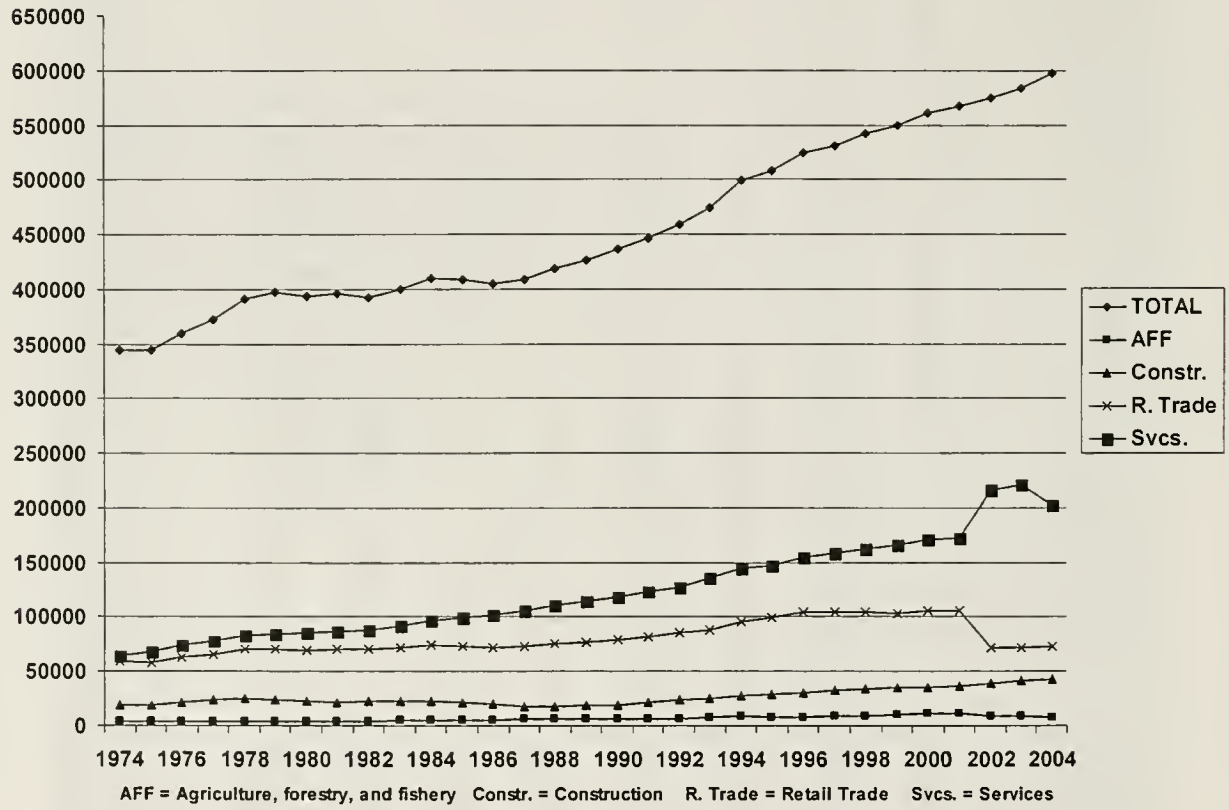
## TABLE 1.3
## ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN MONTANA (PERCENT)
### Montana Department of Labor and Industry

| COUNTY | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaverhead | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Big Horn | 12.7 | 10.0 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 14.6 | 17.2 | 14.7 | 15.7 | 9.0 |
| Blaine | 9.8 | 9.9 | 10.2 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.4 | 4.6 |
| Broadwater | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 | 4.0 |
| Carbon | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Carter | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.9 |
| Cascade | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| Chouteau | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 3.3 |
| Custer | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 4.0 |
| Daniels | 2.8 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 3.9 |
| Dawson | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 4.0 |
| Deer Lodge | 9.2 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.3 |
| Fallon | 3.4 | 2.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| Fergus | 6.2 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.0 |
| Flathead | 8.1 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 5.4 |
| Gallatin | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| Garfield | 3.3 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 3.5 |
| Glacier | 14.7 | 13.6 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 13.3 | 11.4 | 9.9 | 11.7 | 2.8 |
| Golden Valley | 7.6 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 5.5 |
| Granite | 7.6 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 8.9 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 5.2 |
| Hill | 6.1 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 8.0 |
| Jefferson | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| Judith Basin | 4.5 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| Lake | 8.0 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 8.7 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 5.8 |
| Lewis & Clark | 5.2 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| Liberty | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| Lincoln | 14.9 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 13.1 | 12.4 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 11.5 | 15.9 | 9.7 |
| Madison | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| McCone | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| Meagher | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Mineral | 12.8 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 6.0 |
| Missoula | 5.2 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Musselshell | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 5.8 |
| Park | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.4 |
| Petroleum | 4.3 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 5.2 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Philips | 6.2 | 8.5 | 6.8 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Pondera | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 |
| Powder River | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 4.0 |
| Powell | 7.9 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 6.2 |
| Prairie | 4.6 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 4.8 |
| Ravalli | 6.3 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.2 |
| Richland | 5.8 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 3.6 |
| Roosevelt | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.8 | 9.6 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 6.4 |
| Rosebud | 9.2 | 11.8 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 5.3 |
| Sanders | 14.2 | 12.5 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 6.6 |
| Sheridan | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.8 |
| Silver Bow | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.8 |
| Stillwater | 5.0 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.6 |
| Sweet Grass | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.1 |
| Teton | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.9 |
| Toole | 5.4 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.3 |
| Treasure | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 4.3 |
| Valley | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.2 |
| Wheatland | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.5 |
| Wibaux | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.5 |
| Yellowstone | 4.8 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| **Montana** | **5.9** | **5.3** | **5.4** | **5.6** | **5.2** | **5.0** | **4.6** | **4.6** | **4.7** | **4.4** |

## EMPLOYMENT

Employment by industry is helpful to see where and why job growth and contraction have occurred. The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis publishes employment by industry based on the NAICS. The source of the BEA employment data is the state unemployment insurance system, and represents both full-time and part-time employment. Full-time and part-time jobs are counted at equal weight, thus the BEA statistics by industry will exceed average annual employment produced by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. Employees, sole proprietors, and partners are included; unpaid family workers and volunteers are excluded.

**MONTANA FULL-TIME & PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT**
**Selected Industries (Source: BEA)**




The effect of the change from the SIC system to the NAICS in 2002 can be seen in the above chart by looking at the sharp increase in the services sector and the sharp decrease in the retail trade sector. Prior to 2002, eating and drinking places were classified in the retail trade category, while they are now classified in the services category.

## TABLE 1.4

## MONTANA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

### U.S. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (BEA)

| Year | Farm | AFF | Mining | Constr. | Mfg. | TIPU | W. Trade | R. Trade | FIRE | Svcs. | Gov't. | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1969 | 37,172 | 2,320 | 7,073 | 14,574 | 25,727 | 18,933 | 10,493 | 49,268 | 19,282 | 53,078 | 60,032 | 297,952 |
| 1970 | 37,031 | 2,433 | 7,295 | 15,029 | 25,397 | 18,962 | 10,777 | 49,874 | 18,662 | 53,987 | 61,602 | 301,049 |
| 1971 | 37,659 | 2,689 | 6,134 | 15,739 | 25,094 | 19,066 | 10,901 | 51,512 | 18,375 | 56,191 | 63,854 | 307,214 |
| 1972 | 37,184 | 3,014 | 6,953 | 17,750 | 25,555 | 19,987 | 11,781 | 53,608 | 18,597 | 59,881 | 64,955 | 319,265 |
| 1973 | 36,901 | 3,130 | 7,536 | 18,941 | 25,938 | 20,733 | 12,235 | 56,662 | 20,981 | 62,944 | 66,621 | 332,622 |
| 1974 | 37,448 | 3,365 | 8,160 | 19,304 | 25,948 | 21,918 | 12,953 | 58,713 | 21,975 | 64,663 | 69,501 | 343,948 |
| 1975 | 34,176 | 3,244 | 7,305 | 19,070 | 24,692 | 21,891 | 15,653 | 57,658 | 21,866 | 67,311 | 71,359 | 344,225 |
| 1976 | 32,213 | 3,352 | 6,976 | 20,953 | 25,761 | 22,484 | 16,395 | 62,262 | 23,290 | 73,756 | 71,678 | 359,120 |
| 1977 | 30,671 | 3,447 | 7,279 | 23,324 | 27,321 | 23,442 | 16,941 | 65,102 | 24,786 | 77,342 | 72,040 | 371,695 |
| 1978 | 30,522 | 3,696 | 8,305 | 25,082 | 28,821 | 24,921 | 17,674 | 70,188 | 25,037 | 82,386 | 73,805 | 390,437 |
| 1979 | 32,172 | 3,602 | 8,784 | 23,968 | 29,069 | 26,404 | 18,536 | 70,678 | 24,946 | 84,231 | 74,528 | 396,918 |
| 1980 | 31,611 | 3,698 | 9,770 | 22,360 | 26,319 | 26,368 | 18,833 | 69,028 | 25,321 | 85,928 | 74,776 | 394,012 |
| 1981 | 31,271 | 3,977 | 12,589 | 21,165 | 25,156 | 26,476 | 19,156 | 69,851 | 26,277 | 86,757 | 73,616 | 396,291 |
| 1982 | 30,743 | 3,999 | 10,634 | 22,083 | 22,392 | 25,844 | 18,271 | 70,240 | 26,412 | 88,575 | 73,113 | 392,306 |
| 1983 | 32,967 | 4,431 | 9,040 | 22,868 | 24,247 | 24,448 | 18,021 | 71,337 | 26,675 | 92,254 | 73,799 | 400,087 |
| 1984 | 31,891 | 4,831 | 9,308 | 23,235 | 25,005 | 25,480 | 18,371 | 73,590 | 27,175 | 96,629 | 74,373 | 409,888 |
| 1985 | 31,875 | 5,323 | 8,223 | 21,682 | 24,400 | 25,362 | 17,532 | 72,814 | 26,931 | 99,710 | 74,925 | 408,777 |
| 1986 | 31,980 | 5,342 | 6,990 | 20,314 | 23,829 | 24,313 | 16,162 | 71,174 | 26,834 | 102,334 | 75,227 | 404,499 |
| 1987 | 32,221 | 6,162 | 7,663 | 17,144 | 24,421 | 23,368 | 16,534 | 72,426 | 27,221 | 105,888 | 75,466 | 408,514 |
| 1988 | 31,622 | 6,114 | 7,840 | 17,656 | 25,099 | 23,240 | 16,290 | 74,975 | 28,175 | 110,867 | 76,822 | 418,700 |
| 1989 | 30,743 | 5,749 | 7,849 | 18,365 | 26,325 | 23,221 | 17,083 | 77,020 | 27,911 | 114,118 | 78,365 | 426,749 |
| 1990 | 30,576 | 6,154 | 7,824 | 19,070 | 26,342 | 23,858 | 17,449 | 78,715 | 27,693 | 118,623 | 80,270 | 436,574 |
| 1991 | 29,741 | 6,587 | 7,420 | 20,938 | 25,591 | 24,401 | 18,055 | 82,113 | 27,874 | 123,409 | 80,736 | 446,865 |
| 1992 | 28,945 | 6,524 | 7,343 | 24,134 | 26,787 | 23,755 | 18,647 | 85,658 | 27,235 | 127,133 | 83,152 | 459,313 |
| 1993 | 29,629 | 7,000 | 7,346 | 24,835 | 27,361 | 24,340 | 18,881 | 87,894 | 28,518 | 135,614 | 82,754 | 474,172 |
| 1994 | 30,004 | 8,216 | 7,167 | 28,193 | 28,116 | 25,299 | 19,464 | 95,936 | 29,185 | 143,958 | 83,255 | 498,793 |
| 1995 | 30,686 | 7,750 | 6,866 | 29,356 | 28,174 | 25,287 | 19,872 | 98,839 | 31,397 | 147,349 | 82,709 | 508,285 |
| 1996 | 30,810 | 8,123 | 6,856 | 30,783 | 29,019 | 25,338 | 20,041 | 104,060 | 32,627 | 154,330 | 82,463 | 524,450 |
| 1997 | 29,981 | 8,411 | 6,966 | 32,109 | 29,326 | 25,861 | 20,234 | 104,632 | 33,211 | 158,098 | 82,336 | 531,165 |
| 1998 | 32,061 | 9,111 | 6,757 | 33,771 | 29,072 | 26,795 | 20,789 | 103,848 | 34,736 | 162,244 | 83,320 | 542,504 |
| 1999 | 31,972 | 10,593 | 6,698 | 34,904 | 29,029 | 27,090 | 20,762 | 103,338 | 35,357 | 166,239 | 83,687 | 549,669 |
| 2000 | 32,579 | 10,818 | 6,515 | 35,045 | 29,217 | 28,076 | 20,497 | 105,230 | 37,377 | 171,589 | 84,051 | 560,994 |
| 2001 | 31,127 | 11,220 | 7,101 | 36,343 | 28,364 | 27,878 | 20,056 | 105,725 | 38,593 | 171,748 | 88,799 | 566,954 |
| 2002 | 32,663 | 8,394 | 6,758 | 38,831 | 23,402 | 29,483 | 17,212 | 71,367 | 40,632 | 216,229 | 89,202 | 574,173 |
| 2003 | 31,944 | 8,674 | 6,463 | 41,025 | 22,774 | 29,077 | 17,289 | 71,426 | 42,182 | 221,632 | 90,839 | 583,325 |

Three industries showed a decrease in employment from 1969 to 2003: farming (14% decrease), manufacturing (11% decrease) and mining (9% decrease). During the same period, employment in the agriculture (274% increase) and services (318% increase) industries increased significantly. The three largest industries in terms of percent of total employment in 2003 were services (38%), government (16%), and retail trade (12%). The next largest industries, FIRE (finance, insurance and real estate) and construction, each accounted for 7% of employment in 2003.

## Class of Worker

Table I.5 on the following page shows Montana's class of worker. The total employed persons over 16 of 425,977 were based on the count as of the 2000 Census; the Montana Department of Labor and Industry employment of 452,124 represents average annual employment. Since the 1990 Census, total workers have increased 21%; the percentage that are private salary and wage workers (65.7% of total in 1990) has increased since 1990 while the percentage that are government (20.1% of total in 1990) and self-employed workers (13.2% of total) has decreased since 1990.

Civilian government workers are included in the "government" column; those in the armed forces are excluded from the table.

# TABLE I.5
## CLASS OF MONTANA'S WORKERS
Census 2000

| County | Total Civilians 16 and Over Employed | CLASS OF WORKER | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Private Wage and Salary | Government | Self-Employed | Unpaid Family |
| Beaverhead | 4,478 | 2,819 | 1,136 | 474 | 49 |
| Big Horn | 4,660 | 2,397 | 1,805 | 435 | 23 |
| Blaine | 2,789 | 1,286 | 1,003 | 467 | 33 |
| Broadwater | 2,032 | 1,212 | 422 | 366 | 32 |
| Carbon | 4,566 | 2,982 | 692 | 850 | 42 |
| Carter | 743 | 301 | 100 | 306 | 36 |
| Cascade | 34,792 | 25,403 | 5,949 | 3,256 | 184 |
| Chouteau | 2,600 | 1,477 | 533 | 551 | 39 |
| Custer | 5,554 | 3,535 | 1,307 | 683 | 29 |
| Daniels | 903 | 471 | 179 | 239 | 14 |
| Dawson | 4,358 | 2,937 | 878 | 514 | 29 |
| Deer Lodge | 3,790 | 2,342 | 999 | 415 | 34 |
| Fallon | 1,429 | 860 | 304 | 259 | 6 |
| Fergus | 5,589 | 3,250 | 1,064 | 1,143 | 132 |
| Flathead | 34,680 | 26,146 | 3,997 | 4,404 | 133 |
| Gallatin | 37,611 | 26,450 | 6,751 | 4,219 | 191 |
| Garfield | 654 | 293 | 137 | 208 | 16 |
| Glacier | 4,750 | 2,155 | 2,117 | 384 | 94 |
| Golden Valley | 512 | 234 | 96 | 127 | 55 |
| Granite | 1,272 | 738 | 266 | 241 | 27 |
| Hill | 7,415 | 5,201 | 1,486 | 654 | 74 |
| Jefferson | 4,895 | 2,804 | 1,529 | 547 | 15 |
| Judith Basin | 1,068 | 505 | 179 | 321 | 63 |
| Lake | 11,069 | 6,848 | 2,387 | 1,751 | 83 |
| Lewis and Clark | 28,651 | 17,901 | 8,076 | 2,594 | 80 |
| Liberty | 893 | 574 | 137 | 154 | 28 |
| Lincoln | 6,814 | 4,426 | 1,465 | 839 | 84 |
| McCone | 1,011 | 578 | 161 | 249 | 23 |
| Madison | 3,169 | 1,905 | 574 | 648 | 42 |
| Meagher | 904 | 530 | 169 | 189 | 16 |
| Mineral | 1,678 | 1,109 | 285 | 262 | 22 |
| Missoula | 50,436 | 37,088 | 8,604 | 4,596 | 148 |
| Musselshell | 1,929 | 1,147 | 326 | 419 | 37 |
| Park | 7,857 | 5,708 | 1,036 | 1,053 | 60 |
| Petroleum | 232 | 81 | 62 | 89 | 0 |
| Phillips | 2,154 | 1,230 | 485 | 387 | 52 |
| Pondera | 2,699 | 1,600 | 620 | 422 | 57 |
| Powder River | 924 | 409 | 238 | 249 | 28 |
| Powell | 2,602 | 1,427 | 774 | 377 | 24 |
| Prairie | 577 | 302 | 133 | 137 | 5 |
| Ravalli | 15,730 | 10,563 | 2,243 | 2,793 | 131 |
| Richland | 4,465 | 3,149 | 700 | 554 | 62 |
| Roosevelt | 3,867 | 1,788 | 1,452 | 579 | 48 |
| Rosebud | 3,926 | 2,528 | 984 | 386 | 28 |
| Sanders | 3,952 | 2,460 | 730 | 717 | 45 |
| Sheridan | 1,877 | 1,145 | 293 | 402 | 37 |
| Silver Bow | 15,768 | 12,044 | 2,581 | 1,046 | 97 |
| Stillwater | 3,907 | 2,876 | 478 | 515 | 38 |
| Sweet Grass | 1,772 | 1,025 | 316 | 393 | 38 |
| Teton | 2,719 | 1,661 | 490 | 525 | 43 |
| Toole | 2,280 | 1,433 | 554 | 254 | 39 |
| Treasure | 429 | 252 | 92 | 75 | 10 |
| Valley | 3,511 | 2,253 | 687 | 526 | 45 |
| Wheatland | 1,020 | 512 | 174 | 231 | 103 |
| Wibaux | 503 | 279 | 109 | 98 | 17 |
| Yellowstone | 65,512 | 52,002 | 7,779 | 5,540 | 191 |
| **Montana** | **425,977** | 294,631 | 78,123 | 50,112 | 3,111 |
| **Percentage of Total** | **100.0%** | **69.2%** | **18.3%** | **11.8%** | **0.7%** |

## Occupation

The occupation of Montana's workers from Census 2000 is in Table I.6 on the following page. The majority of Montana's workers were employed in either a management or sales and office positions. While Census 1990 figures are not directly comparable since the occupation categories have changed somewhat, there clearly has been growth in the management, service, and sales and office categories (34% combined increase) and decline in the farming, fishing and forestry category (68% decline) since 1990.

## Method of Transportation

Table I.7 shows the method of transportation used by Montana's workers to get to their job. Almost three-quarters of workers drove alone to their job. While the percentage of workers utilizing public transportation was below 1%, most counties do not have extensive public transportation systems. Not surprisingly, Missoula (1.3%) and Yellowstone (1.1%) counties had the highest percentages. The overall percentage of carpoolers has not changed since 1990, while the percentage of those driving alone has increased slightly. There was a slight drop in the combined percentage of workers walking or working at home since 1990 (these categories were combined in the 1990 Census).

## Educational Attainment

According to the MDOLI, the majority of Montana's jobs require a 2-year degree or less. Montana has a highly educated population. Just over 87% of all Montanans are high school graduates, 55.9% have at least some college, and 30.2% have an associate degree or higher. Given that 24.4% of Montanans have a bachelor degree or higher, this demonstrates that many residents are "underemployed"[2]. (The percentage with a bachelor's degree or higher ranges from a high of 41% in Gallatin County to a low of 12.3% in Mineral County.) Table I.8 details educational attainment by county from Census 2000. The underemployment concept is further magnified by the lack of higher-paying jobs and the predominance of lower-paying jobs.

Using Montana's Job Service clients in Yellowstone County in 2000, it was estimated that 25%[3] of those individuals seeking better employment in Yellowstone County were over-qualified ("underemployed") for their last job. While this percentage cannot be directly applied to other counties in the state, it would be reasonable to assume that this "underemployment" exists in other counties in Montana given its residents' education and job status.

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[2] Over-qualified/underemployed refers to job requirements compared to educational attainment.

[3] This percentage could be higher if work-related skills and experience were also factored into the analysis.

# TABLE I.6
## OCCUPATION OF MONTANA'S WORKERS
Census 2000

| County | Total Civilians 16 and Over Employed | OCCUPATION | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Management | Service | Sales and Office | Farming, Fishing, and Forestry | Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance | Production, Transportation, Material Moving |
| Beaverhead | 4,478 | 1,548 | 896 | 784 | 304 | 453 | 493 |
| Big Horn | 4,660 | 1,559 | 1,076 | 995 | 158 | 531 | 341 |
| Blaine | 2,789 | 1,155 | 470 | 503 | 160 | 310 | 191 |
| Broadwater | 2,032 | 660 | 312 | 381 | 90 | 314 | 275 |
| Carbon | 4,566 | 1,617 | 763 | 977 | 131 | 631 | 447 |
| Carter | 743 | 442 | 66 | 86 | 64 | 62 | 23 |
| Cascade | 34,792 | 10,626 | 6,401 | 10,324 | 331 | 3,478 | 3,632 |
| Chouteau | 2,600 | 1,179 | 392 | 443 | 169 | 209 | 208 |
| Custer | 5,554 | 1,783 | 1,230 | 1,417 | 152 | 544 | 428 |
| Daniels | 903 | 391 | 123 | 212 | 51 | 71 | 55 |
| Dawson | 4,358 | 1,425 | 876 | 913 | 90 | 573 | 481 |
| Deer Lodge | 3,790 | 1,048 | 1,208 | 727 | 47 | 399 | 361 |
| Fallon | 1,429 | 493 | 258 | 265 | 45 | 172 | 196 |
| Fergus | 5,589 | 2,070 | 1,012 | 1,132 | 198 | 618 | 559 |
| Flathead | 34,680 | 9,777 | 5,452 | 9,031 | 658 | 4,440 | 5,322 |
| Gallatin | 37,611 | 13,301 | 5,807 | 9,646 | 523 | 4,268 | 4,066 |
| Garfield | 654 | 320 | 79 | 87 | 61 | 54 | 53 |
| Glacier | 4,750 | 1,796 | 948 | 1,001 | 159 | 463 | 383 |
| Golden Valley | 512 | 225 | 78 | 66 | 44 | 48 | 51 |
| Granite | 1,272 | 397 | 219 | 228 | 116 | 178 | 134 |
| Hill | 7,415 | 2,458 | 1,404 | 1,653 | 205 | 939 | 756 |
| Jefferson | 4,895 | 1,925 | 797 | 1,129 | 77 | 583 | 384 |
| Judith Basin | 1,068 | 534 | 152 | 152 | 97 | 53 | 80 |
| Lake | 11,069 | 3,474 | 1,748 | 2,523 | 459 | 1,305 | 1,560 |
| Lewis and Clark | 28,651 | 11,350 | 4,217 | 7,886 | 292 | 2,358 | 2,548 |
| Liberty | 893 | 365 | 134 | 192 | 65 | 78 | 59 |
| Lincoln | 6,814 | 1,844 | 1,241 | 1,520 | 300 | 725 | 1,184 |
| McCone | 1,011 | 436 | 114 | 240 | 61 | 91 | 69 |
| Madison | 3,169 | 1,028 | 469 | 621 | 206 | 478 | 367 |
| Meagher | 904 | 311 | 152 | 162 | 132 | 101 | 46 |
| Mineral | 1,678 | 406 | 314 | 368 | 68 | 253 | 269 |
| Missoula | 50,436 | 16,273 | 9,048 | 14,286 | 458 | 4,884 | 5,487 |
| Musselshell | 1,929 | 591 | 291 | 402 | 121 | 301 | 223 |
| Park | 7,857 | 2,444 | 1,506 | 1,645 | 152 | 1,230 | 880 |
| Petroleum | 232 | 120 | 25 | 26 | 25 | 30 | 6 |
| Phillips | 2,154 | 778 | 373 | 472 | 144 | 162 | 225 |
| Pondera | 2,699 | 1,122 | 420 | 574 | 95 | 218 | 270 |
| Powder River | 924 | 414 | 148 | 125 | 114 | 60 | 63 |
| Powell | 2,602 | 846 | 571 | 478 | 136 | 199 | 372 |
| Prairie | 577 | 277 | 83 | 96 | 27 | 45 | 49 |
| Ravalli | 15,730 | 5,068 | 2,433 | 3,772 | 375 | 2,217 | 1,865 |
| Richland | 4,465 | 1,459 | 704 | 984 | 197 | 527 | 594 |
| Roosevelt | 3,867 | 1,500 | 780 | 833 | 89 | 351 | 314 |
| Rosebud | 3,926 | 1,336 | 722 | 657 | 154 | 550 | 507 |
| Sanders | 3,952 | 1,190 | 623 | 666 | 208 | 574 | 691 |
| Sheridan | 1,877 | 710 | 333 | 367 | 64 | 158 | 245 |
| Silver Bow | 15,768 | 5,102 | 3,063 | 4,265 | 114 | 1,478 | 1,746 |
| Stillwater | 3,907 | 1,091 | 529 | 752 | 129 | 823 | 583 |
| Sweet Grass | 1,772 | 624 | 322 | 337 | 121 | 219 | 149 |
| Teton | 2,719 | 1,070 | 423 | 548 | 148 | 266 | 264 |
| Toole | 2,280 | 692 | 554 | 541 | 71 | 206 | 216 |
| Treasure | 429 | 147 | 70 | 75 | 71 | 40 | 26 |
| Valley | 3,511 | 1,237 | 683 | 840 | 112 | 367 | 272 |
| Wheatland | 1,020 | 382 | 210 | 147 | 140 | 86 | 55 |
| Wibaux | 503 | 206 | 75 | 76 | 27 | 55 | 64 |
| Yellowstone | 65,512 | 20,334 | 10,919 | 20,164 | 441 | 5,944 | 7,710 |
| **Montana** | **425,977** | **140,956** | **73,316** | **108,792** | **9,246** | **45,770** | **47,897** |
| **Percentage of Total** | **100.0%** | **33.1%** | **17.2%** | **25.5%** | **2.2%** | **10.8%** | **11.2%** |

# TABLE I.7
## TRANSPORTATION USED TO GET TO WORK
Census 2000

| County | Total Workers 16 Years And Older | Method of Transportation to Work: Drove Car, Or Van Alone | Carpooled in Car, Truck or Van | Took Public Transportation | Rode Motorcycle | Rode Bicycle | Walked | Other Means | Worked At Home |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaverhead | 4,403 | 3,060 | 441 | 24 | 5 | 19 | 504 | 33 | 317 |
| Big Horn | 4,576 | 2,970 | 961 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 346 | 70 | 225 |
| Blaine | 2,749 | 1,683 | 460 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 257 | 39 | 291 |
| Broadwater | 1,995 | 1,347 | 295 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 130 | 18 | 193 |
| Carbon | 4,468 | 2,951 | 570 | 39 | 5 | 42 | 297 | 52 | 512 |
| Carter | 742 | 247 | 68 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 83 | 12 | 326 |
| Cascade | 37,275 | 30,017 | 3,966 | 297 | 45 | 147 | 1,241 | 132 | 1,430 |
| Chouteau | 2,548 | 1,559 | 275 | 13 | 4 | 15 | 260 | 38 | 384 |
| Custer | 5,480 | 4,264 | 544 | 9 | 11 | 51 | 274 | 2 | 325 |
| Daniels | 895 | 535 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 111 | 3 | 149 |
| Dawson | 4,291 | 3,120 | 547 | 2 | 4 | 39 | 226 | 26 | 327 |
| Deer Lodge | 3,744 | 2,818 | 537 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 211 | 36 | 139 |
| Fallon | 1,408 | 1,030 | 135 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 98 | 4 | 137 |
| Fergus | 5,472 | 3,688 | 642 | 15 | 6 | 10 | 442 | 23 | 646 |
| Flathead | 34,045 | 26,229 | 4,139 | 136 | 14 | 201 | 1,373 | 232 | 1,721 |
| Gallatin | 36,773 | 25,944 | 4,586 | 107 | 56 | 697 | 2,527 | 188 | 2,668 |
| Garfield | 646 | 389 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 | 0 | 90 |
| Glacier | 4,692 | 2,961 | 1,047 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 375 | 50 | 247 |
| Golden Valley | 512 | 202 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 71 | 2 | 160 |
| Granite | 1,261 | 821 | 144 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 131 | 25 | 133 |
| Hill | 7,335 | 5,718 | 771 | 16 | 23 | 49 | 426 | 26 | 306 |
| Jefferson | 4,842 | 3,641 | 678 | 8 | 10 | 13 | 178 | 21 | 293 |
| Judith Basin | 1,056 | 588 | 121 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 109 | 2 | 230 |
| Lake | 10,815 | 7,696 | 1,567 | 45 | 0 | 22 | 474 | 81 | 930 |
| Lewis and Clark | 28,411 | 21,570 | 3,439 | 127 | 26 | 187 | 1,574 | 111 | 1,377 |
| Liberty | 881 | 466 | 69 | 0 | 4 | 19 | 156 | 0 | 167 |
| Lincoln | 6,721 | 4,994 | 718 | 10 | 6 | 51 | 352 | 101 | 489 |
| McCone | 997 | 602 | 109 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 112 | 3 | 163 |
| Madison | 3,109 | 1,948 | 470 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 284 | 24 | 370 |
| Meagher | 891 | 550 | 132 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 79 | 4 | 121 |
| Mineral | 1,629 | 1,107 | 271 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 120 | 8 | 110 |
| Missoula | 49,448 | 36,236 | 5,461 | 657 | 37 | 1,776 | 2,717 | 326 | 2,238 |
| Musselshell | 1,888 | 1,290 | 202 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 210 | 13 | 161 |
| Park | 7,712 | 5,286 | 906 | 107 | 0 | 52 | 548 | 100 | 713 |
| Petroleum | 228 | 80 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 3 | 55 |
| Phillips | 2,115 | 1,317 | 249 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 307 | 0 | 221 |
| Pondera | 2,691 | 1,748 | 301 | 6 | 11 | 12 | 323 | 25 | 265 |
| Powder River | 922 | 536 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | 0 | 184 |
| Powell | 2,553 | 1,709 | 334 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 238 | 14 | 254 |
| Prairie | 569 | 293 | 41 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 171 | 5 | 49 |
| Ravalli | 15,362 | 10,706 | 2,195 | 36 | 27 | 44 | 715 | 126 | 1,513 |
| Richland | 4,410 | 3,321 | 505 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 194 | 10 | 353 |
| Roosevelt | 3,792 | 2,631 | 487 | 9 | 2 | 16 | 352 | 23 | 272 |
| Rosebud | 3,873 | 2,686 | 618 | 7 | 4 | 39 | 356 | 29 | 134 |
| Sanders | 3,903 | 2,536 | 637 | 19 | 0 | 20 | 284 | 38 | 369 |
| Sheridan | 1,816 | 1,194 | 190 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 190 | 5 | 221 |
| Silver Bow | 15,601 | 12,664 | 1,639 | 90 | 7 | 18 | 655 | 103 | 425 |
| Stillwater | 3,847 | 2,422 | 606 | 205 | 4 | 10 | 234 | 20 | 346 |
| Sweet Grass | 1,753 | 1,002 | 278 | 37 | 0 | 4 | 158 | 17 | 257 |
| Teton | 2,669 | 1,714 | 284 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 240 | 23 | 380 |
| Toole | 2,239 | 1,517 | 296 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 216 | 16 | 191 |
| Treasure | 429 | 267 | 42 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 2 | 59 |
| Valley | 3,470 | 2,585 | 343 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 243 | 6 | 274 |
| Wheatland | 1,013 | 465 | 104 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 159 | 6 | 275 |
| Wibaux | 497 | 317 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 7 | 91 |
| Yellowstone | 64,697 | 52,635 | 6,367 | 707 | 16 | 326 | 1,645 | 366 | 2,635 |
| **Montana** | **422,159** | **311,872** | **50,192** | **2,812** | **338** | **4,049** | **23,336** | **2,649** | **26,911** |
| **Percentage** | **100.0%** | **73.9%** | **11.9%** | **0.7%** | **0.1%** | **1.0%** | **5.5%** | **0.6%** | **6.4%** |

## TABLE I.8
### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY COUNTY
Census 2000

| County | Total Population 25 Years and Older | Percent of Population by Educational Attainment | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Less than 9th Grade | 9th - 12th Grade | High School | Some College | Associate Degree | Bachelor Degree | Professional Degree |
| Beaverhead | 5,825 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 29.1 | 28.3 | 5.5 | 18.7 | 7.7 |
| Big Horn | 7,051 | 7.0 | 16.6 | 30.2 | 26.1 | 5.8 | 10.1 | 4.2 |
| Blaine | 4,144 | 8.3 | 13.1 | 28.0 | 23.6 | 9.7 | 13.8 | 3.6 |
| Broadwater | 3,061 | 3.7 | 11.1 | 39.7 | 25.4 | 5.0 | 11.6 | 3.4 |
| Carbon | 6,701 | 4.2 | 7.7 | 36.0 | 23.4 | 5.3 | 16.9 | 6.4 |
| Carter | 946 | 9.8 | 6.9 | 35.8 | 26.4 | 7.4 | 11.7 | 1.9 |
| Cascade | 52,333 | 4.1 | 8.8 | 33.3 | 25.5 | 6.8 | 14.8 | 6.7 |
| Chouteau | 3,837 | 4.9 | 7.9 | 30.4 | 27.5 | 8.7 | 16.1 | 4.4 |
| Custer | 7,819 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 29.8 | 27.5 | 8.8 | 12.3 | 6.5 |
| Daniels | 1,467 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 36.3 | 28.4 | 6.5 | 12.1 | 2.0 |
| Dawson | 6,161 | 7.7 | 9.6 | 30.5 | 27.6 | 9.5 | 11.5 | 3.6 |
| Deer Lodge | 6,584 | 6.0 | 9.5 | 43.0 | 22.1 | 4.8 | 10.6 | 4.1 |
| Fallon | 1,935 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 43.4 | 21.7 | 6.3 | 10.8 | 3.6 |
| Fergus | 8,290 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 36.8 | 25.0 | 5.5 | 14.3 | 4.8 |
| Flathead | 49,648 | 3.6 | 9.0 | 30.6 | 27.4 | 7.0 | 16.1 | 6.4 |
| Gallatin | 40,461 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 21.2 | 26.0 | 5.1 | 28.1 | 12.9 |
| Garfield | 871 | 5.3 | 10.0 | 38.8 | 24.1 | 5.1 | 14.7 | 2.1 |
| Glacier | 7,383 | 8.0 | 13.4 | 27.3 | 26.3 | 8.6 | 10.8 | 5.6 |
| Golden Valley | 704 | 19.5 | 10.1 | 28.8 | 21.0 | 4.4 | 13.4 | 2.8 |
| Granite | 1,988 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 34.9 | 26.5 | 4.4 | 18.3 | 3.8 |
| Hill | 10,031 | 5.8 | 7.4 | 32.1 | 25.3 | 9.4 | 13.9 | 6.1 |
| Jefferson | 6,717 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 31.2 | 25.1 | 6.2 | 18.7 | 8.9 |
| Judith Basin | 1,595 | 5.4 | 7.0 | 30.4 | 28.2 | 5.5 | 19.1 | 4.5 |
| Lake | 16,971 | 4.1 | 11.6 | 31.8 | 24.3 | 6.0 | 15.6 | 6.6 |
| Lewis and Clark | 36,690 | 2.2 | 6.5 | 29.3 | 25.4 | 5.1 | 21.3 | 10.3 |
| Liberty | 1,470 | 14.4 | 10.6 | 25.0 | 26.7 | 5.6 | 14.1 | 3.5 |
| Lincoln | 13,008 | 6.5 | 13.2 | 38.0 | 23.2 | 5.3 | 9.4 | 4.3 |
| McCone | 1,374 | 5.6 | 8.3 | 38.2 | 25.4 | 6.1 | 13.2 | 3.1 |
| Madison | 4,945 | 3.0 | 7.3 | 32.6 | 25.8 | 5.8 | 19.7 | 5.9 |
| Meagher | 1,334 | 6.3 | 10.3 | 37.2 | 22.8 | 4.6 | 15.3 | 3.4 |
| Mineral | 2,691 | 4.0 | 12.8 | 43.7 | 24.1 | 3.0 | 9.3 | 3.0 |
| Missoula | 59,298 | 2.5 | 6.5 | 26.5 | 26.8 | 4.9 | 22.1 | 10.7 |
| Musselshell | 3,181 | 5.8 | 11.6 | 38.1 | 22.3 | 5.6 | 12.6 | 4.1 |
| Park | 11,013 | 4.1 | 8.3 | 32.3 | 27.6 | 4.6 | 15.9 | 7.1 |
| Petroleum | 333 | 4.5 | 12.6 | 35.7 | 24.9 | 4.8 | 16.5 | 0.9 |
| Phillips | 3,102 | 8.0 | 9.6 | 35.5 | 25.0 | 4.9 | 13.9 | 3.2 |
| Pondera | 4,108 | 9.5 | 8.9 | 34.9 | 21.7 | 5.2 | 14.0 | 5.7 |
| Powder River | 1,272 | 4.7 | 11.9 | 31.4 | 27.7 | 8.4 | 12.2 | 3.8 |
| Powell | 5,098 | 5.6 | 12.5 | 38.9 | 25.3 | 4.7 | 8.5 | 4.6 |
| Prairie | 913 | 12.7 | 8.5 | 32.3 | 23.0 | 8.7 | 12.3 | 2.5 |
| Ravalli | 24,565 | 2.7 | 9.9 | 31.5 | 28.2 | 5.2 | 15.9 | 6.6 |
| Richland | 6,398 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 35.4 | 24.4 | 6.5 | 14.1 | 3.1 |
| Roosevelt | 6,107 | 7.5 | 12.0 | 32.4 | 24.7 | 7.9 | 12.5 | 3.1 |
| Rosebud | 5,543 | 4.3 | 11.3 | 36.0 | 23.1 | 7.8 | 12.9 | 4.7 |
| Sanders | 7,242 | 5.1 | 13.7 | 37.2 | 22.8 | 5.6 | 11.0 | 4.5 |
| Sheridan | 2,931 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 31.5 | 26.1 | 5.2 | 15.3 | 3.1 |
| Silver Bow | 23,097 | 4.6 | 10.3 | 34.3 | 24.6 | 4.5 | 14.8 | 6.9 |
| Stillwater | 5,632 | 3.3 | 9.3 | 39.1 | 25.1 | 5.5 | 13.1 | 4.7 |
| Sweet Grass | 2,487 | 3.7 | 7.4 | 35.4 | 24.4 | 5.5 | 18.4 | 5.2 |
| Teton | 4,295 | 9.1 | 7.5 | 31.8 | 25.4 | 5.4 | 16.0 | 4.8 |
| Toole | 3,570 | 7.4 | 11.7 | 35.1 | 23.8 | 5.3 | 13.3 | 3.5 |
| Treasure | 577 | 1.7 | 12.0 | 41.1 | 23.2 | 3.8 | 15.8 | 2.4 |
| Valley | 5,345 | 7.1 | 9.0 | 39.7 | 21.8 | 6.7 | 11.4 | 4.3 |
| Wheatland | 1,508 | 19.8 | 11.1 | 30.8 | 20.9 | 3.8 | 10.6 | 2.9 |
| Wibaux | 738 | 12.6 | 10.6 | 34.8 | 20.6 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 4.7 |
| Yellowstone | 84,233 | 3.9 | 7.6 | 31.0 | 25.5 | 5.5 | 19.1 | 7.3 |
| **MONTANA** | **586,621** | **4.3** | **8.6** | **31.3** | **25.6** | **5.9** | **17.2** | **7.2** |

## PERSONAL INCOME

The BEA also provides earnings and income data. The BEA data was converted from nominal dollars to real dollars, to remove the effect of inflation.

Table I.9 shows earnings by industry, per worker. The highest paying sector in 2003, mining, had the second highest earnings growth rate of 74% from 1969 to 2003. However, this sector only accounted for 1.1 % of total employment in 2003 (Table I.4). The lowest paying sector, farming, had a 45% drop in earnings from 1969 to 2003 and a 14% drop in employment (Table I.4) during the same period.

The services industry, which had the largest total employment in 2003 at 38% and the highest employment growth rate from 1969 to 2003 of 318% (Table I.4), showed a 35% increase in earnings from 1969 to 2003. The FIRE industry, with a 119% increase in employment from 1969 to 2003 and a 7% share of total employment in 2003 (Table I.4), posted the highest earning growth rate of 142%.

Overall, Montana's average (for all industries) real earnings per worker increased 15% from 1969 to 2003.

Real per capita income for Montana is compared to the United States in Table I.10. Real per capita income includes unearned income such as dividends, interest and rents. While unearned income has grown 171% from 1969 to 2003 in Montana, earnings (wages and other earned income) have grown 91% over the same period.

Overall, Montana's real per capita personal income increased 38% from 1974 to 2004, compared with a national increase of 57%.

## TABLE I.9
## REAL EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY IN MONTANA (Per Worker)
### U.S. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (BEA)
### 2004 DOLLARS

| Year | Farm | AFF | Mining | Constr. | Mfg. | TIPU | W. Trade | R. Trade | FIRE | Svcs. | Gov't. | AVG. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1974 | 48,619 | 25,922 | 51,536 | 45,154 | 41,750 | 49,468 | 45,245 | 24,446 | 16,993 | 22,992 | 34,299 | 36,948 |
| 1975 | 41,909 | 24,757 | 56,947 | 45,267 | 42,237 | 49,382 | 43,587 | 24,048 | 17,874 | 23,367 | 35,581 | 36,814 |
| 1976 | 23,726 | 26,427 | 53,632 | 48,316 | 43,860 | 53,360 | 43,744 | 24,276 | 19,591 | 24,123 | 36,263 | 36,120 |
| 1977 | 7,136 | 18,970 | 54,760 | 48,154 | 46,940 | 53,744 | 43,169 | 23,884 | 19,487 | 25,154 | 36,953 | 34,396 |
| 1978 | 29,586 | 18,134 | 55,836 | 47,509 | 48,434 | 53,730 | 43,511 | 23,461 | 20,930 | 25,337 | 36,451 | 36,629 |
| 1979 | 9,265 | 18,512 | 58,043 | 44,375 | 48,251 | 51,880 | 42,239 | 22,436 | 20,906 | 24,846 | 35,411 | 34,197 |
| 1980 | 8,411 | 14,261 | 59,137 | 42,476 | 44,923 | 49,050 | 40,707 | 20,696 | 19,758 | 23,518 | 33,823 | 32,433 |
| 1981 | 13,572 | 12,620 | 56,082 | 39,150 | 43,371 | 48,633 | 39,286 | 19,831 | 18,695 | 23,284 | 33,923 | 31,677 |
| 1982 | 10,342 | 12,135 | 55,457 | 36,861 | 41,819 | 49,887 | 38,417 | 19,487 | 17,321 | 22,934 | 34,277 | 30,813 |
| 1983 | 6,601 | 15,581 | 51,791 | 36,158 | 41,319 | 50,673 | 37,913 | 20,314 | 18,450 | 22,906 | 35,468 | 30,652 |
| 1984 | 2,497 | 16,032 | 49,379 | 34,665 | 40,903 | 50,803 | 37,484 | 20,383 | 17,571 | 23,089 | 35,834 | 29,876 |
| 1985 | -3,954 | 15,421 | 50,286 | 35,819 | 40,489 | 50,049 | 36,704 | 20,733 | 16,523 | 22,859 | 36,543 | 29,225 |
| 1986 | 12,844 | 14,443 | 49,491 | 36,127 | 40,291 | 49,659 | 36,689 | 19,756 | 16,604 | 22,964 | 36,232 | 30,464 |
| 1987 | 14,151 | 16,269 | 46,517 | 36,866 | 38,347 | 51,046 | 35,310 | 18,310 | 18,131 | 22,950 | 36,176 | 30,370 |
| 1988 | 4,213 | 15,852 | 50,884 | 34,169 | 37,114 | 48,199 | 35,128 | 17,609 | 18,744 | 22,924 | 35,877 | 29,156 |
| 1989 | 19,819 | 16,176 | 49,175 | 32,890 | 37,085 | 46,628 | 34,838 | 17,352 | 17,986 | 22,753 | 34,726 | 29,948 |
| 1990 | 17,362 | 16,649 | 46,123 | 32,477 | 36,384 | 45,378 | 34,824 | 17,227 | 17,993 | 22,399 | 34,165 | 29,180 |
| 1991 | 25,174 | 16,743 | 50,567 | 32,740 | 36,750 | 45,948 | 33,882 | 17,285 | 18,731 | 22,385 | 34,696 | 30,445 |
| 1992 | 19,834 | 18,272 | 48,721 | 31,563 | 36,545 | 47,482 | 34,291 | 17,398 | 21,764 | 23,239 | 34,802 | 30,356 |
| 1993 | 33,847 | 20,011 | 45,874 | 33,032 | 36,924 | 48,401 | 34,814 | 17,440 | 23,200 | 22,835 | 35,640 | 32,002 |
| 1994 | 14,851 | 14,264 | 46,639 | 32,461 | 35,426 | 47,446 | 34,838 | 16,433 | 22,632 | 22,552 | 35,913 | 29,405 |
| 1995 | 14,485 | 13,492 | 52,834 | 30,802 | 34,364 | 46,294 | 34,437 | 15,902 | 21,971 | 22,727 | 35,725 | 29,367 |
| 1996 | 10,887 | 11,600 | 50,392 | 30,717 | 33,910 | 44,359 | 34,371 | 15,161 | 22,145 | 22,467 | 36,344 | 28,396 |
| 1997 | 8,074 | 12,015 | 50,425 | 30,199 | 33,633 | 44,537 | 33,831 | 15,411 | 22,556 | 22,508 | 36,465 | 28,150 |
| 1998 | 10,904 | 15,152 | 47,811 | 31,192 | 36,361 | 44,609 | 34,280 | 15,658 | 24,072 | 23,199 | 36,796 | 29,094 |
| 1999 | 14,034 | 14,971 | 50,413 | 31,799 | 35,068 | 45,222 | 34,649 | 15,972 | 25,373 | 23,625 | 37,049 | 29,834 |
| 2000 | 6,917 | 14,871 | 55,566 | 31,561 | 36,036 | 44,390 | 35,059 | 15,959 | 24,312 | 23,917 | 38,360 | 29,722 |
| 2001 | 8,099 | 26,465 | 68,779 | 31,526 | 43,103 | 39,299 | 38,860 | 21,472 | 44,789 | 29,758 | 40,448 | 35,691 |
| 2002 | 8,043 | 24,925 | 69,330 | 31,492 | 44,242 | 39,734 | 40,524 | 22,278 | 44,363 | 30,547 | 42,522 | 36,182 |
| 2003 | 18,511 | 23,603 | 71,670 | 32,810 | 46,006 | 39,517 | 40,717 | 22,638 | 43,022 | 30,948 | 43,459 | 37,537 |
| 2004 | 13,857 | 25,201 | 60,057 | 32,846 | 45,347 | 48,561 | 42,549 | 22,244 | 37,281 | 30,516 | 44,976 | 36,676 |

**AFF = Agriculture, forestry and fishery TIPU = Transportation, information and public utilities**
**W. Trade = Wholesale trade R. Trade = Retail trade FIRE = Finance, insurance and real estate**

To remove the effect of inflation, nominal dollars were converted into real 2003 dollars using the CPI-U (consumer price index for all urban consumers).

## TABLE I.10
## REAL PERSONAL INCOME IN MONTANA
### U.S BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (BEA)
### 2003 DOLLARS

| | TOTAL FOR MONTANA | | | | | | MONTANA | U.S. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | Earnings | Social Security Contributions | Residence Adjustment | Dividends, Interest, Rents | Transfer Payments | Personal Income | Per Capita Personal Income | Per Capita Personal Income |
| 1973 | $11,828,390 | $447,335 | $725 | $2,244,630 | $1,482,675 | $15,109,085 | $20,770 | $16,165 |
| 1974 | $11,328,906 | $457,608 | $3,393 | $2,361,646 | $1,566,071 | $14,802,408 | $20,080 | $16,181 |
| 1975 | $11,175,353 | $449,952 | $8,413 | $2,382,095 | $1,729,432 | $14,845,342 | $19,816 | $16,741 |
| 1976 | $11,314,111 | $469,507 | $10,924 | $2,531,982 | $1,821,031 | $15,208,541 | $20,049 | $17,272 |
| 1977 | $11,402,832 | $500,368 | $12,929 | $2,759,487 | $1,867,202 | $15,542,082 | $20,149 | $18,477 |
| 1978 | $12,720,403 | $547,036 | $9,364 | $3,000,888 | $1,899,284 | $17,082,901 | $21,789 | $18,757 |
| 1979 | $11,998,351 | $563,468 | $16,109 | $3,231,884 | $1,915,501 | $16,598,376 | $21,033 | $18,349 |
| 1980 | $11,246,210 | $540,563 | $30,353 | $3,376,107 | $1,991,157 | $16,103,265 | $20,416 | $18,259 |
| 1981 | $11,203,940 | $574,042 | $52,328 | $3,724,571 | $2,085,279 | $16,492,076 | $20,736 | $18,263 |
| 1982 | $10,732,158 | $572,524 | $34,193 | $3,960,776 | $2,205,674 | $16,360,277 | $20,349 | $18,539 |
| 1983 | $10,861,054 | $575,589 | $17,748 | $3,969,484 | $2,336,883 | $16,609,580 | $20,404 | $19,394 |
| 1984 | $10,986,481 | $587,397 | $10,905 | $4,244,289 | $2,362,270 | $17,016,547 | $20,729 | $20,012 |
| 1985 | $10,701,732 | $611,851 | $6,030 | $4,244,295 | $2,392,901 | $16,733,107 | $20,349 | $20,826 |
| 1986 | $10,938,558 | $618,727 | -$2,275 | $4,190,736 | $2,520,530 | $17,028,822 | $20,927 | $21,384 |
| 1987 | $10,922,234 | $615,273 | -$4,624 | $4,083,483 | $2,561,078 | $16,946,897 | $21,050 | $21,851 |
| 1988 | $10,679,346 | $668,705 | -$2,002 | $4,037,175 | $2,584,968 | $16,630,782 | $20,783 | $22,442 |
| 1989 | $11,163,095 | $692,582 | -$3,438 | $4,218,154 | $2,665,421 | $17,350,649 | $21,699 | $21,881 |
| 1990 | $11,176,430 | $703,152 | -$5,752 | $4,199,191 | $2,812,866 | $17,479,583 | $21,843 | $21,455 |
| 1991 | $11,731,837 | $739,057 | -$19,128 | $4,174,445 | $2,868,907 | $18,017,004 | $22,252 | $21,260 |
| 1992 | $12,109,338 | $783,002 | -$7,485 | $4,102,732 | $3,038,115 | $18,459,698 | $22,354 | $22,042 |
| 1993 | $12,974,679 | $816,731 | -$5,749 | $4,007,217 | $3,168,211 | $19,327,627 | $22,880 | $22,651 |
| 1994 | $12,749,286 | $848,917 | -$1,542 | $4,139,479 | $3,204,749 | $19,243,054 | $22,342 | $23,013 |
| 1995 | $12,798,467 | $865,102 | $1,346 | $4,379,767 | $3,361,490 | $19,675,969 | $22,447 | $23,593 |
| 1996 | $12,881,581 | $876,853 | $3,574 | $4,523,673 | $3,395,470 | $19,927,445 | $22,485 | $24,508 |
| 1997 | $13,000,517 | $889,578 | -$7,915 | $4,852,763 | $3,365,945 | $20,321,733 | $22,837 | $25,271 |
| 1998 | $13,687,172 | $907,664 | -$4,278 | $5,185,630 | $3,421,464 | $21,382,324 | $23,960 | $26,056 |
| 1999 | $14,141,947 | $919,094 | -$1,607 | $4,920,004 | $3,290,874 | $21,432,125 | $23,879 | $26,427 |
| 2000 | $14,318,796 | $927,654 | $4,451 | $5,247,788 | $3,521,669 | $22,165,050 | $24,534 | $26,602 |
| 2001 | $16,206,701 | $961,928 | $3,676 | $5,293,795 | $3,663,870 | $22,617,242 | $24,981 | $26,464 |
| 2002 | $16,295,744 | $1,890,517 | $33,135 | $5,005,209 | $3,686,515 | $22,788,800 | $25,155 | $26,464 |
| 2003 | $17,095,480 | $1,957,099 | $31,327 | $4,744,459 | $3,774,799 | $22,526,118 | $24,744 | $26,464 |

Residence adjustment is the net inflow of the net labor earnings of inter-state commuters.
Transfer payments include TANF and social security.

Using BEA data, a comparison of annual average real wages per job for Montana and the United States is presented in the chart below:

The chart shows the weighted average real (adjusted for inflation) wage rate for industries in Montana versus the United States. It clearly illustrates the disparity between Montana's average wages and U.S. total average wages. Montana's wages were 40% lower than United States wages in 2003, illustrating that Montana has a preponderance of low paying jobs. Montana's wages were only 11% lower than United States wages in 1979-1981; this corresponds to the time period when Montana mining employment was high.

While U.S. wages have leveled off since 2000, Montana's wages have continued to increase steadily at a rate of between 1% and 2% per annum.

The Census Bureau provides data on median family income by county and family income distribution by income range. Median family income is the income amount where one-half of families have incomes above the median, and one-half of families

have incomes below the median. Per capita income is total income divided by total population. A family is defined as a householder and one or more persons living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.

Median household income is the income amount where one-half of households have higher incomes, and one-half of households have lower incomes. A household is defined as all persons living together in a housing unit (not necessarily related).

Nine counties had median family incomes at or above the Montana average of $40,487: Flathead ($40,702), Gallatin ($46,639), Jefferson ($48,912), Lewis and Clark ($46,766), Missoula ($44,865), Park ($40,561), Rosebud ($41,631), Stillwater ($45,238), and Yellowstone ($45,277). Flathead, Gallatin, Missoula, and Yellowstone counties are large counties; Jefferson and Lewis & Clark counties have residents employed in higher paying government jobs; and Stillwater County has residents employed in higher paying mining jobs.

The counties with the four lowest median family incomes were Blaine ($30,616), Garfield ($31,111), Lincoln ($31,784), and Sheridan ($31,340).

The detail by county of income distribution, median family income, and median household income from the 2000 Census is in Table I.11 on the next page.

## TABLE I.11
### 1999 FAMILY INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME
### 2000 CENSUS

| COUNTY | NUMBER OF FAMILIES | | | | | | | | DOLLARS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | < $20,000 | $20,000 - 39,999 | $40,000 - 49,999 | $50,000 - 74,999 | $75,000 - 99,999 | $100,000 - 149,999 | $150,000+ | Median Family Income | Median Household Income | Per Capita Income |
| Beaverhead | 2,354 | 527 | 699 | 316 | 551 | 157 | 86 | 18 | $38,971 | $28,962 | $21,175 |
| Big Horn | 3,052 | 919 | 1,017 | 337 | 515 | 189 | 65 | 10 | $31,095 | $27,684 | $15,021 |
| Blaine | 1,813 | 596 | 542 | 211 | 277 | 104 | 71 | 12 | $30,616 | $25,247 | $16,135 |
| Broadwater | 1,282 | 211 | 499 | 142 | 287 | 76 | 41 | 26 | $36,524 | $32,689 | $19,038 |
| Carbon | 2,715 | 516 | 897 | 366 | 567 | 243 | 89 | 37 | $38,405 | $32,139 | $22,157 |
| Carter | 390 | 112 | 132 | 53 | 54 | 26 | 13 | 0 | $32,262 | $26,313 | $17,970 |
| Cascade | 21,675 | 3,995 | 6,858 | 3,057 | 4,709 | 1,663 | 842 | 551 | $39,949 | $32,971 | $25,106 |
| Chouteau | 1,626 | 415 | 572 | 224 | 263 | 75 | 47 | 30 | $32,399 | $29,150 | $18,426 |
| Custer | 3,120 | 654 | 948 | 463 | 686 | 164 | 163 | 42 | $38,779 | $30,000 | $22,377 |
| Daniels | 560 | 128 | 201 | 62 | 91 | 47 | 23 | 8 | $35,722 | $27,306 | $28,050 |
| Dawson | 2,490 | 521 | 779 | 397 | 461 | 233 | 67 | 32 | $38,455 | $31,393 | $20,513 |
| Deer Lodge | 2,527 | 525 | 921 | 336 | 519 | 150 | 44 | 32 | $36,158 | $26,305 | $19,641 |
| Fallon | 796 | 174 | 236 | 132 | 171 | 51 | 22 | 10 | $38,636 | $29,944 | $21,329 |
| Fergus | 3,205 | 616 | 1,155 | 456 | 591 | 219 | 120 | 48 | $36,609 | $30,409 | $21,475 |
| Flathead | 20,601 | 3,639 | 6,380 | 2,861 | 4,341 | 1,817 | 917 | 646 | $40,702 | $34,466 | $23,859 |
| Gallatin | 16,344 | 2,078 | 4,464 | 2,310 | 3,961 | 1,720 | 1,195 | 616 | $46,639 | $38,120 | $25,139 |
| Garfield | 372 | 102 | 129 | 67 | 55 | 9 | 10 | 0 | $31,111 | $25,917 | $19,970 |
| Glacier | 3,279 | 972 | 1,093 | 432 | 389 | 274 | 78 | 41 | $31,193 | $27,921 | $15,752 |
| Golden Valley | 254 | 79 | 70 | 43 | 39 | 13 | 5 | 5 | $35,000 | $27,308 | $16,947 |
| Granite | 798 | 201 | 260 | 116 | 115 | 56 | 24 | 26 | $33,485 | $27,813 | $18,738 |
| Hill | 4,253 | 952 | 1,267 | 557 | 931 | 276 | 201 | 69 | $38,179 | $30,781 | $22,473 |
| Jefferson | 2,852 | 373 | 705 | 385 | 782 | 363 | 180 | 64 | $48,912 | $41,506 | $25,476 |
| Judith Basin | 661 | 171 | 243 | 96 | 83 | 23 | 30 | 15 | $34,243 | $29,241 | $17,927 |
| Lake | 7,281 | 1,885 | 2,429 | 899 | 1,173 | 470 | 218 | 207 | $34,033 | $28,740 | $18,068 |
| Lewis & Clark | 14,935 | 2,002 | 4,064 | 1,879 | 4,130 | 1,652 | 895 | 313 | $46,766 | $37,360 | $25,623 |
| Liberty | 584 | 152 | 160 | 85 | 128 | 24 | 24 | 11 | $37,361 | $30,284 | $20,001 |
| Lincoln | 5,411 | 1,419 | 2,043 | 599 | 913 | 294 | 114 | 29 | $31,784 | $26,754 | $17,756 |
| McCone | 596 | 127 | 218 | 82 | 116 | 29 | 15 | 9 | $35,887 | $29,718 | $19,159 |
| Madison | 1,924 | 388 | 710 | 248 | 377 | 96 | 71 | 34 | $35,536 | $30,233 | $20,362 |
| Meagher | 532 | 121 | 214 | 81 | 78 | 27 | 9 | 2 | $33,879 | $29,375 | $20,463 |
| Mineral | 1,083 | 272 | 390 | 149 | 163 | 50 | 35 | 24 | $32,096 | $27,143 | $16,030 |
| Missoula | 23,267 | 3,726 | 6,418 | 2,919 | 5,733 | 2,444 | 1,396 | 631 | $44,865 | $34,454 | $24,696 |
| Musselshell | 1,215 | 317 | 446 | 136 | 183 | 90 | 19 | 24 | $32,298 | $25,527 | $15,090 |
| Park | 4,220 | 671 | 1,382 | 719 | 894 | 266 | 198 | 90 | $40,561 | $31,739 | $20,469 |
| Petroleum | 138 | 38 | 53 | 8 | 24 | 5 | 2 | 8 | $32,667 | $24,107 | $15,726 |
| Philips | 1,243 | 297 | 367 | 158 | 311 | 72 | 32 | 6 | $37,529 | $28,702 | $18,122 |
| Ponderosa | 1,742 | 425 | 516 | 253 | 323 | 134 | 74 | 17 | $36,484 | $30,464 | $19,936 |
| Powder River | 535 | 102 | 223 | 73 | 96 | 18 | 9 | 14 | $34,671 | $28,398 | $17,501 |
| Powell | 1,635 | 329 | 617 | 274 | 243 | 95 | 42 | 35 | $35,836 | $30,625 | $18,435 |
| Prairie | 354 | 104 | 128 | 40 | 45 | 27 | 8 | 2 | $32,292 | $25,451 | $21,604 |
| Ravalli | 10,187 | 1,890 | 3,419 | 1,391 | 2,008 | 679 | 521 | 279 | $38,397 | $31,992 | $19,357 |
| Richland | 2,646 | 465 | 888 | 430 | 583 | 166 | 66 | 48 | $39,348 | $32,110 | $21,496 |
| Roosevelt | 2,650 | 945 | 825 | 241 | 410 | 139 | 70 | 20 | $27,833 | $24,834 | $17,664 |
| Rosebud | 2,411 | 562 | 590 | 273 | 613 | 226 | 118 | 29 | $41,631 | $35,898 | $21,272 |
| Sanders | 2,932 | 772 | 1,067 | 350 | 478 | 126 | 90 | 49 | $31,340 | $26,852 | $17,108 |
| Sheridan | 1,146 | 238 | 442 | 134 | 189 | 74 | 54 | 15 | $35,345 | $29,518 | $23,785 |
| Silver Bow | 8,970 | 1,637 | 2,846 | 1,081 | 2,179 | 610 | 404 | 213 | $40,018 | $30,402 | $22,760 |
| Stillwater | 2,336 | 303 | 655 | 409 | 598 | 228 | 97 | 46 | $45,238 | $39,205 | $24,721 |
| Sweet Grass | 997 | 158 | 361 | 144 | 185 | 79 | 44 | 26 | $38,750 | $32,422 | $20,911 |
| Teton | 1,743 | 347 | 615 | 247 | 332 | 124 | 52 | 26 | $36,662 | $30,197 | $19,966 |
| Toole | 1,322 | 266 | 407 | 215 | 313 | 58 | 40 | 23 | $39,600 | $30,169 | $21,637 |
| Treasure | 247 | 54 | 98 | 33 | 40 | 8 | 12 | 2 | $34,219 | $29,830 | $17,470 |
| Valley | 2,140 | 401 | 695 | 279 | 511 | 141 | 72 | 41 | $39,044 | $30,979 | $24,366 |
| Wheatland | 512 | 111 | 223 | 74 | 69 | 20 | 13 | 2 | $32,500 | $24,492 | $16,069 |
| Wibaux | 292 | 59 | 115 | 27 | 60 | 17 | 5 | 9 | $34,265 | $28,224 | $17,766 |
| Yellowstone | 34,488 | 5,539 | 9,207 | 4,616 | 8,240 | 3,545 | 2,088 | 1,253 | $45,277 | $36,727 | $26,628 |
| **Montana** | **238,733** | **44,598** | **72,898** | **31,965** | **52,176** | **19,981** | **11,240** | **5,875** | **$40,487** | **$33,024** | **$17,151** |

The Census Bureau also provides income levels for homeowner households and renter households. Households are defined as all persons living in a housing unit (not necessarily related). The table below shows that for income categories of $34,999 or less, there are a higher percentage of renters than homeowners. For income categories of $35,000 or more, there are a higher percentage of homeowners than renters. Few renter households fall into the income level of $150,000 or more.

**INCOME LEVELS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS IN MONTANA**
**2000 CENSUS**

| Household Income | Homeowners | % of Total Homeowners | Renters | % of Total Renters | Total | % of Total Households |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Less Than $5,000 | 6,280 | 3% | 7,810 | 7.0% | 14,090 | 3.9% |
| $5,000 to $9,999 | 10,153 | 4% | 16,180 | 14.6% | 26,333 | 7.3% |
| $10,000 to $14,999 | 15,939 | 6% | 15,939 | 14.4% | 31,878 | 8.9% |
| $15,000 to $19,999 | 17,581 | 7% | 13,307 | 12.0% | 30,888 | 8.6% |
| $20,000 to $24,999 | 18,654 | 8% | 11,908 | 10.7% | 30,562 | 8.5% |
| $25,000 to $34,999 | 37,108 | 15% | 18,211 | 16.4% | 55,319 | 15.4% |
| $35,000 to $49,999 | 50,227 | 20% | 14,995 | 13.5% | 65,222 | 18.2% |
| $50,000 to $74,999 | 52,877 | 21% | 8,587 | 7.7% | 61,464 | 17.1% |
| $75,000 to $99,999 | 20,617 | 8% | 2,303 | 2.1% | 22,920 | 6.4% |
| $100,000 to $149,999 | 11,914 | 5% | 1,215 | 1.1% | 13,129 | 3.7% |
| $150,000 or More | 6,350 | 3% | 512 | 0.5% | 6,862 | 1.9% |
| **TOTAL** | **247,700** | **100%** | **110,967** | **100.0%** | **358,668** | **100.0%** |

The detail of income levels for homeowner households (Table I.12) and renter households (Table I.13) by county (Census 2000) are on the following pages.

## TABLE I.12
### 1999 INCOME FOR HOMEOWNERS IN MONTANA
### 2000 CENSUS

| | | NUMBER OF HOMEOWNERS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COUNTY | Total Home Owners | Less Than $5,000 | $5,000 to $9,999 | $10,000 to $14,999 | $15,000 to $19,999 | $20,000 to $24,999 | $25,000 to $34,999 | $35,000 to $49,999 | $50,000 to $74,999 | $75,000 to $99,999 | $100,000 to $149,999 | $150,000 or More |
| Beaverhead | 2,345 | 30 | 136 | 170 | 246 | 169 | 317 | 504 | 511 | 151 | 82 | 29 |
| Big Horn | 2,545 | 147 | 193 | 252 | 216 | 271 | 404 | 398 | 446 | 170 | 37 | 11 |
| Blaine | 1,526 | 58 | 122 | 130 | 156 | 135 | 240 | 285 | 238 | 83 | 69 | 10 |
| Broadwater | 1,390 | 59 | 47 | 85 | 111 | 115 | 283 | 256 | 277 | 91 | 37 | 29 |
| Carbon | 3,015 | 118 | 167 | 230 | 236 | 241 | 462 | 596 | 563 | 254 | 111 | 37 |
| Carter | 405 | 27 | 28 | 51 | 46 | 31 | 57 | 83 | 51 | 20 | 11 | 0 |
| Cascade | 21,111 | 460 | 663 | 1,205 | 1,466 | 1,698 | 3,088 | 4,637 | 4,666 | 1,683 | 924 | 621 |
| Chouteau | 1,528 | 47 | 89 | 119 | 124 | 120 | 283 | 343 | 237 | 84 | 48 | 34 |
| Custer | 3,341 | 107 | 134 | 275 | 280 | 349 | 459 | 715 | 647 | 175 | 156 | 44 |
| Daniels | 695 | 35 | 50 | 70 | 57 | 58 | 123 | 127 | 93 | 50 | 24 | 8 |
| Dawson | 2,683 | 90 | 167 | 177 | 244 | 215 | 414 | 553 | 487 | 237 | 67 | 32 |
| Deer Lodge | 2,952 | 99 | 152 | 227 | 317 | 382 | 433 | 633 | 512 | 126 | 29 | 42 |
| Fallon | 881 | 27 | 61 | 68 | 99 | 85 | 127 | 185 | 155 | 44 | 19 | 11 |
| Fergus | 3,582 | 117 | 185 | 317 | 309 | 273 | 643 | 668 | 606 | 264 | 146 | 54 |
| Flathead | 21,682 | 497 | 781 | 1,416 | 1,514 | 1,577 | 3,242 | 4,676 | 4,541 | 1,775 | 981 | 682 |
| Gallatin | 16,435 | 255 | 389 | 539 | 905 | 842 | 2,116 | 3,398 | 4,193 | 1,819 | 1,308 | 671 |
| Garfield | 390 | 18 | 46 | 62 | 20 | 34 | 72 | 76 | 38 | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Glacier | 2,667 | 123 | 220 | 209 | 153 | 263 | 424 | 524 | 388 | 255 | 69 | 39 |
| Golden Valley | 283 | 13 | 18 | 21 | 29 | 21 | 44 | 65 | 45 | 13 | 11 | 3 |
| Granite | 888 | 34 | 42 | 91 | 103 | 71 | 161 | 165 | 122 | 58 | 22 | 19 |
| Hill | 4,161 | 121 | 157 | 246 | 320 | 299 | 681 | 911 | 887 | 259 | 198 | 82 |
| Jefferson | 3,116 | 67 | 113 | 166 | 160 | 208 | 371 | 608 | 795 | 380 | 186 | 62 |
| Judith Basin | 734 | 57 | 52 | 71 | 67 | 69 | 121 | 156 | 80 | 19 | 28 | 14 |
| Lake | 7,284 | 194 | 419 | 629 | 624 | 724 | 1,146 | 1,455 | 1,176 | 463 | 244 | 210 |
| Lewis & Clark | 15,984 | 193 | 417 | 637 | 948 | 1,082 | 2,458 | 3,176 | 4,132 | 1,682 | 931 | 328 |
| Liberty | 599 | 36 | 40 | 31 | 63 | 41 | 85 | 114 | 130 | 29 | 19 | 11 |
| Lincoln | 5,941 | 231 | 424 | 573 | 543 | 539 | 1,134 | 1,057 | 953 | 316 | 128 | 43 |
| McCone | 629 | 31 | 43 | 50 | 44 | 52 | 104 | 122 | 124 | 35 | 14 | 10 |
| Madison | 2,080 | 106 | 108 | 187 | 143 | 146 | 367 | 422 | 377 | 114 | 69 | 41 |
| Meagher | 588 | 28 | 45 | 58 | 45 | 49 | 120 | 125 | 85 | 17 | 14 | 2 |
| Mineral | 1,156 | 58 | 55 | 104 | 127 | 98 | 184 | 236 | 172 | 57 | 42 | 23 |
| Missoula | 23,793 | 499 | 765 | 1,041 | 1,317 | 1,449 | 3,204 | 4,549 | 6,193 | 2,571 | 1,496 | 709 |
| Musselshell | 1,445 | 57 | 99 | 125 | 160 | 176 | 241 | 251 | 202 | 98 | 23 | 13 |
| Park | 4,534 | 177 | 198 | 372 | 348 | 323 | 748 | 961 | 818 | 285 | 215 | 89 |
| Petroleum | 157 | 12 | 24 | 18 | 4 | 19 | 26 | 18 | 20 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| Philips | 1,302 | 47 | 58 | 152 | 103 | 107 | 177 | 251 | 300 | 60 | 39 | 8 |
| Ponderosa | 1,692 | 60 | 93 | 136 | 183 | 131 | 274 | 352 | 265 | 121 | 53 | 24 |
| Powder River | 537 | 25 | 45 | 34 | 39 | 66 | 91 | 110 | 86 | 18 | 10 | 13 |
| Powell | 1,728 | 70 | 55 | 195 | 141 | 158 | 305 | 399 | 242 | 85 | 41 | 37 |
| Prairie | 417 | 21 | 27 | 59 | 41 | 39 | 75 | 74 | 48 | 26 | 5 | 2 |
| Ravalli | 10,815 | 291 | 414 | 738 | 858 | 900 | 1,859 | 2,255 | 1,963 | 661 | 553 | 323 |
| Richland | 2,803 | 61 | 155 | 180 | 201 | 262 | 456 | 626 | 560 | 178 | 72 | 52 |
| Roosevelt | 2,340 | 113 | 152 | 249 | 173 | 223 | 403 | 412 | 377 | 128 | 90 | 20 |
| Rosebud | 2,223 | 68 | 117 | 134 | 161 | 126 | 254 | 437 | 596 | 196 | 106 | 28 |
| Sanders | 3,269 | 151 | 261 | 356 | 298 | 333 | 581 | 577 | 466 | 105 | 100 | 41 |
| Sheridan | 1,395 | 42 | 91 | 100 | 124 | 145 | 246 | 292 | 203 | 83 | 56 | 13 |
| Silver Bow | 10,154 | 180 | 381 | 782 | 681 | 849 | 1,749 | 1,972 | 2,181 | 734 | 431 | 214 |
| Stillwater | 2,457 | 71 | 105 | 129 | 183 | 190 | 339 | 520 | 548 | 219 | 108 | 45 |
| Sweet Grass | 1,094 | 33 | 55 | 86 | 96 | 82 | 161 | 248 | 187 | 77 | 39 | 30 |
| Teton | 1,920 | 71 | 84 | 123 | 164 | 195 | 327 | 408 | 356 | 120 | 48 | 24 |
| Toole | 1,402 | 30 | 73 | 118 | 161 | 108 | 176 | 307 | 311 | 57 | 41 | 20 |
| Treasure | 255 | 6 | 15 | 25 | 17 | 15 | 53 | 62 | 42 | 6 | 10 | 4 |
| Valley | 2,391 | 75 | 143 | 181 | 198 | 159 | 385 | 472 | 517 | 152 | 61 | 48 |
| Wheatland | 616 | 34 | 61 | 53 | 59 | 71 | 115 | 107 | 74 | 26 | 13 | 3 |
| Wibaux | 308 | 9 | 20 | 25 | 23 | 34 | 57 | 50 | 56 | 19 | 6 | 9 |
| Yellowstone | 36,037 | 594 | 1,099 | 2,062 | 2,133 | 2,237 | 4,643 | 7,248 | 8,539 | 3,852 | 2,258 | 1,372 |
| **Montana** | **247,700** | **6,280** | **10,153** | **15,939** | **17,581** | **18,654** | **37,108** | **50,227** | **52,877** | **20,617** | **11,914** | **6,350** |

## TABLE I.13
### 1999 INCOME FOR RENTERS IN MONTANA
### 2000 CENSUS

| | | NUMBER OF RENTERS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COUNTY | Total Rentals | Less Than $5,000 | $5,000 to $9,999 | $10,000 to $14,999 | $15,000 to $19,999 | $20,000 to $24,999 | $25,000 to $34,999 | $35,000 to $49,999 | $50,000 to $74,999 | $75,000 to $99,999 | $100,000 to $149,999 | $150,000 or More |
| Beaverhead | 1,339 | 115 | 201 | 256 | 158 | 114 | 192 | 120 | 112 | 30 | 34 | 7 |
| Big Horn | 1,379 | 100 | 175 | 178 | 152 | 134 | 207 | 217 | 141 | 52 | 20 | 3 |
| Blaine | 975 | 103 | 162 | 139 | 114 | 128 | 110 | 109 | 80 | 19 | 10 | 1 |
| Broadwater | 362 | 18 | 38 | 46 | 47 | 37 | 57 | 68 | 23 | 13 | 15 | 0 |
| Carbon | 1,050 | 23 | 134 | 128 | 129 | 111 | 229 | 151 | 107 | 31 | 3 | 4 |
| Carter | 138 | 9 | 23 | 12 | 26 | 12 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Cascade | 11,436 | 741 | 1,810 | 1,667 | 1,272 | 1,265 | 1,998 | 1,499 | 759 | 208 | 137 | 80 |
| Chouteau | 698 | 46 | 74 | 89 | 101 | 92 | 110 | 90 | 69 | 17 | 5 | 5 |
| Custer | 1,427 | 82 | 252 | 235 | 174 | 114 | 234 | 160 | 126 | 29 | 14 | 7 |
| Daniels | 197 | 15 | 38 | 25 | 30 | 15 | 29 | 27 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Dawson | 942 | 76 | 167 | 183 | 87 | 90 | 112 | 165 | 38 | 5 | 17 | 2 |
| Deer Lodge | 1,043 | 100 | 265 | 155 | 131 | 79 | 96 | 110 | 71 | 15 | 8 | 13 |
| Fallon | 259 | 13 | 35 | 42 | 31 | 30 | 37 | 32 | 33 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Fergus | 1,278 | 89 | 221 | 153 | 184 | 132 | 191 | 195 | 88 | 15 | 6 | 4 |
| Flathead | 7,906 | 472 | 1,167 | 1,023 | 891 | 917 | 1,447 | 1,080 | 583 | 201 | 87 | 38 |
| Gallatin | 9,888 | 489 | 1,004 | 1,100 | 1,258 | 955 | 1,971 | 1,740 | 870 | 327 | 143 | 31 |
| Garfield | 142 | 5 | 22 | 21 | 15 | 25 | 9 | 25 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Glacier | 1,637 | 180 | 284 | 241 | 188 | 159 | 233 | 208 | 85 | 28 | 26 | 5 |
| Golden Valley | 82 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 21 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Granite | 312 | 17 | 65 | 46 | 36 | 19 | 47 | 32 | 26 | 9 | 5 | 10 |
| Hill | 2,296 | 219 | 363 | 409 | 299 | 194 | 280 | 227 | 236 | 32 | 23 | 14 |
| Jefferson | 631 | 51 | 86 | 91 | 69 | 68 | 83 | 100 | 45 | 17 | 12 | 9 |
| Judith Basin | 217 | 14 | 21 | 30 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 35 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| Lake | 2,908 | 228 | 607 | 418 | 370 | 312 | 407 | 323 | 177 | 48 | 15 | 3 |
| Lewis & Clark | 6,866 | 658 | 909 | 870 | 607 | 757 | 1,211 | 946 | 658 | 142 | 67 | 41 |
| Liberty | 234 | 15 | 22 | 44 | 32 | 32 | 19 | 40 | 23 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| Lincoln | 1,823 | 154 | 467 | 333 | 214 | 138 | 223 | 176 | 87 | 29 | 2 | 0 |
| McCone | 181 | 19 | 21 | 27 | 21 | 24 | 33 | 27 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Madison | 876 | 38 | 108 | 108 | 117 | 135 | 150 | 127 | 43 | 22 | 17 | 11 |
| Meagher | 215 | 21 | 34 | 27 | 25 | 19 | 16 | 39 | 11 | 16 | 5 | 2 |
| Mineral | 428 | 32 | 65 | 90 | 37 | 43 | 65 | 48 | 34 | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| Missoula | 14,646 | 1,153 | 2,011 | 2,009 | 2,056 | 1,546 | 2,424 | 1,880 | 1,108 | 296 | 122 | 41 |
| Musselshell | 433 | 24 | 67 | 91 | 72 | 52 | 49 | 47 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Park | 2,294 | 134 | 330 | 288 | 296 | 244 | 351 | 373 | 166 | 44 | 49 | 19 |
| Petroleum | 54 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Philips | 546 | 70 | 89 | 89 | 47 | 63 | 58 | 70 | 35 | 19 | 3 | 3 |
| Ponderosa | 718 | 87 | 68 | 100 | 91 | 87 | 97 | 84 | 76 | 11 | 15 | 2 |
| Powder River | 200 | 5 | 15 | 33 | 28 | 32 | 34 | 24 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Powell | 694 | 37 | 103 | 77 | 49 | 98 | 108 | 142 | 56 | 18 | 6 | 0 |
| Prairie | 120 | 6 | 10 | 26 | 13 | 21 | 13 | 18 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Ravalli | 3,474 | 200 | 506 | 438 | 386 | 399 | 657 | 471 | 268 | 71 | 58 | 20 |
| Richland | 1,075 | 89 | 120 | 157 | 109 | 137 | 190 | 169 | 83 | 15 | 6 | 0 |
| Roosevelt | 1,241 | 129 | 257 | 226 | 155 | 126 | 120 | 119 | 57 | 34 | 13 | 5 |
| Rosebud | 1,084 | 85 | 124 | 139 | 116 | 109 | 170 | 163 | 122 | 34 | 21 | 1 |
| Sanders | 1,004 | 88 | 182 | 162 | 94 | 111 | 129 | 110 | 69 | 28 | 12 | 19 |
| Sheridan | 346 | 24 | 55 | 69 | 36 | 55 | 51 | 31 | 18 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Silver Bow | 4,278 | 343 | 824 | 780 | 537 | 533 | 524 | 369 | 265 | 46 | 24 | 33 |
| Stillwater | 777 | 32 | 82 | 63 | 82 | 68 | 139 | 147 | 114 | 33 | 12 | 5 |
| Sweet Grass | 382 | 12 | 24 | 68 | 32 | 59 | 76 | 57 | 37 | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| Teton | 618 | 47 | 101 | 86 | 85 | 67 | 97 | 72 | 45 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Toole | 560 | 23 | 95 | 92 | 61 | 55 | 105 | 84 | 34 | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| Treasure | 102 | 12 | 10 | 24 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Valley | 759 | 71 | 115 | 88 | 129 | 117 | 116 | 73 | 33 | 3 | 12 | 2 |
| Wheatland | 237 | 8 | 37 | 42 | 34 | 21 | 38 | 39 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 0 |
| Wibaux | 113 | 12 | 22 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yellowstone | 16,047 | 968 | 2,074 | 2,569 | 1,899 | 1,688 | 2,763 | 2,293 | 1,329 | 285 | 144 | 35 |
| **Montana** | **110,967** | **7,810** | **16,180** | **15,939** | **13,307** | **11,908** | **18,211** | **14,995** | **8,587** | **2,303** | **1,215** | **512** |

## POVERTY

In 2003, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that the official poverty rate for the United States was 12.5%, up from 12.1% in 2002. Poverty is present when total family income is below a threshold, adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and based on family size, number of children and age of householder. The source of official poverty estimates is the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC).

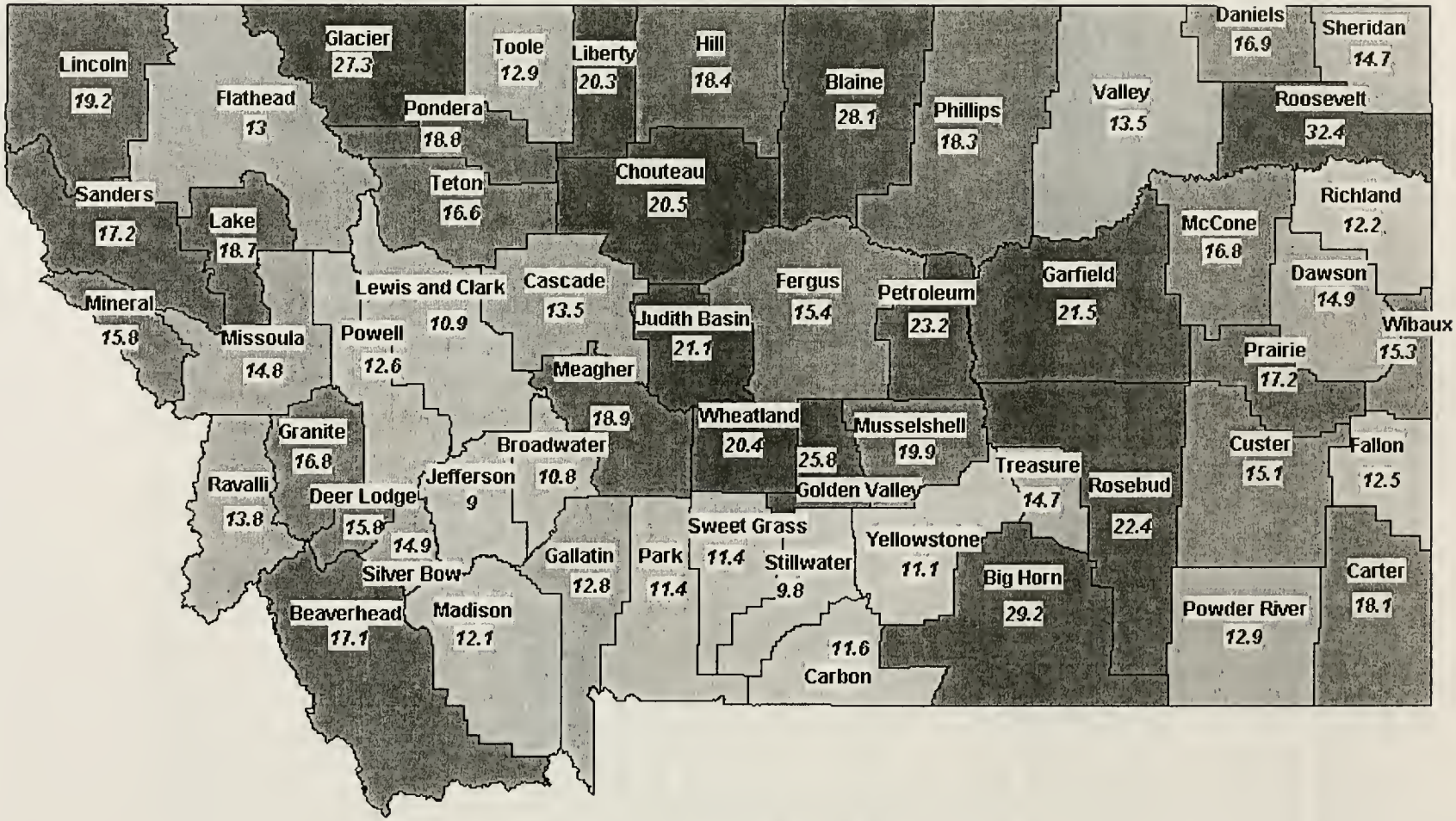
Montana's official poverty rate was 14.1% in 2000, 13.3% in 2001, 13.5% in 2002, 15.1% in 2003, and 14.3% in 2004. Montana's poverty rate showed a net increase of .2 percentage points between 2000 and 2004, with an increase of .9 percentage points in 2004. In 1990, Montana's poverty rate was 15.6%, for a 0.5 percentage point decrease over the past thirteen years. Poverty rates by county differ significantly. Higher poverty rates are concentrated along the Hi-line and in the eastern part of the state. Poverty rates by county from the 2000 Census (based on 1999 income) are depicted in the map on the next page.

The total individuals in poverty status and individuals by selected age are in Table I.14 following the map.

### Family Poverty Status

Although Montana's overall poverty rate has decreased since 1990, the poverty rate for Montana's families has not. The total number of families under the poverty level has increased 20.7% from Census 1990 to 2000. Increases were shown in the married-couple with children, female householder (no husband) with children, and male householder (children and no children combined) categories. Thirty-eight percent of total families under the poverty level are female householders with children under 18. The detail of family poverty status is shown in Table I.15.

# Montana's Percent Poverty Rate by County
# Census 2000

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Data from U.S. Census Bureau

# TABLE I.14
## 1999 POVERTY STATUS BY COUNTY FOR MONTANA
## 2000 CENSUS

| COUNTY | Total Individuals | 18 Years and Over | 65 Years and Over | Related Children <18 Years | Related Children 5 to 17 Years | Unrelated Children 15 + Years |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beaverhead | 1,491 | 1,052 | 150 | 430 | 312 | 551 |
| Big Horn | 3,632 | 1,972 | 199 | 1,646 | 1,176 | 468 |
| Blaine | 1,951 | 1,120 | 172 | 822 | 575 | 311 |
| Broadwater | 466 | 312 | 52 | 149 | 117 | 155 |
| Carbon | 1,089 | 760 | 136 | 321 | 230 | 383 |
| Carter | 242 | 185 | 37 | 57 | 51 | 60 |
| Cascade | 10,605 | 6,652 | 896 | 3,785 | 2,600 | 3,321 |
| Chouteau | 1,191 | 681 | 77 | 495 | 360 | 180 |
| Custer | 1,700 | 1,164 | 166 | 503 | 364 | 634 |
| Daniels | 334 | 244 | 58 | 83 | 68 | 118 |
| Dawson | 1,285 | 889 | 161 | 390 | 274 | 375 |
| Deer Lodge | 1,451 | 986 | 166 | 434 | 328 | 557 |
| Fallon | 349 | 219 | 31 | 125 | 105 | 86 |
| Fergus | 1,767 | 1,192 | 257 | 529 | 425 | 623 |
| Flathead | 9,489 | 6,225 | 774 | 3,127 | 2,204 | 3,070 |
| Gallatin | 8,319 | 6,684 | 306 | 1,527 | 897 | 5,123 |
| Garfield | 272 | 180 | 41 | 88 | 60 | 54 |
| Glacier | 3,568 | 2,059 | 238 | 1,495 | 1,122 | 530 |
| Golden Valley | 253 | 203 | 37 | 46 | 40 | 121 |
| Granite | 472 | 304 | 36 | 166 | 119 | 112 |
| Hill | 2,996 | 1,908 | 182 | 1,070 | 673 | 808 |
| Jefferson | 882 | 590 | 95 | 279 | 208 | 281 |
| Judith Basin | 490 | 301 | 53 | 189 | 144 | 58 |
| Lake | 4,862 | 2,994 | 303 | 1,723 | 1,297 | 1,419 |
| Lewis & Clark | 5,960 | 4,081 | 408 | 1,737 | 1,119 | 2,574 |
| Liberty | 425 | 263 | 56 | 160 | 120 | 29 |
| Lincoln | 3,558 | 2,303 | 295 | 1,221 | 942 | 1,005 |
| McCone | 331 | 233 | 42 | 92 | 65 | 62 |
| Madison | 821 | 590 | 105 | 219 | 160 | 239 |
| Meagher | 359 | 227 | 43 | 132 | 95 | 74 |
| Mineral | 598 | 423 | 44 | 169 | 128 | 185 |
| Missoula | 13,691 | 10,410 | 770 | 3,108 | 2,080 | 7,502 |
| Musselshell | 877 | 543 | 79 | 315 | 283 | 262 |
| Park | 1,780 | 1,287 | 229 | 470 | 344 | 785 |
| Petroleum | 114 | 82 | 14 | 32 | 21 | 29 |
| Philips | 828 | 541 | 90 | 279 | 230 | 211 |
| Ponderosa | 1,194 | 753 | 82 | 438 | 334 | 221 |
| Powder River | 235 | 172 | 51 | 63 | 52 | 65 |
| Powell | 719 | 486 | 58 | 230 | 174 | 204 |
| Prairie | 202 | 147 | 42 | 53 | 40 | 50 |
| Ravalli | 4,927 | 3,023 | 332 | 1,806 | 1,344 | 1,403 |
| Richland | 1,161 | 788 | 128 | 360 | 256 | 414 |
| Roosevelt | 3,358 | 1,860 | 170 | 1,482 | 1,053 | 580 |
| Rosebud | 2,063 | 1,074 | 118 | 964 | 738 | 266 |
| Sanders | 1,737 | 1,147 | 155 | 548 | 405 | 502 |
| Sheridan | 602 | 453 | 153 | 147 | 92 | 217 |
| Silver Bow | 5,005 | 3,439 | 459 | 1,540 | 1,068 | 1,941 |
| Stillwater | 791 | 532 | 103 | 247 | 181 | 268 |
| Sweet Grass | 403 | 265 | 53 | 138 | 102 | 85 |
| Teton | 1,056 | 608 | 88 | 445 | 294 | 210 |
| Toole | 624 | 417 | 71 | 200 | 125 | 154 |
| Treasure | 125 | 72 | 16 | 51 | 38 | 41 |
| Valley | 1,026 | 727 | 201 | 295 | 232 | 354 |
| Wheatland | 440 | 356 | 67 | 81 | 69 | 247 |
| Wibaux | 157 | 105 | 25 | 50 | 40 | 56 |
| Yellowstone | 14,032 | 9,160 | 1,199 | 4,696 | 3,100 | 4,982 |
| **Montana** | **128,355** | **85,443** | **10,369** | **41,247** | **29,073** | **44,615** |

**The sum of the columns by age does not agree to the total individuals as there is some overlap between age categories.**

# TABLE I.15
## POVERTY STATUS FOR FAMILIES (Based on 1999 Income)
### 2000 Census

| | | FAMILIES UNDER POVERTY LEVEL | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Married-Couple | | Female Householder | | |
| County | Total Number of Families | All Families # | All Families % | w/ Children Under 18 | no Children Under 18 | w/ Children Under 18 | no Children Under 18 | Male Householder |
| Beaverhead | 2354 | 302 | 12.8% | 102 | 64 | 88 | 23 | 25 |
| Big Horn | 3052 | 723 | 23.7% | 269 | 63 | 295 | 21 | 75 |
| Blaine | 1813 | 424 | 23.4% | 162 | 50 | 147 | 19 | 46 |
| Broadwater | 1282 | 97 | 7.6% | 31 | 23 | 36 | 2 | 5 |
| Carbon | 2715 | 222 | 8.2% | 80 | 66 | 44 | 4 | 28 |
| Carter | 390 | 62 | 15.9% | 16 | 32 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| Cascade | 21675 | 2258 | 10.4% | 669 | 242 | 1052 | 97 | 198 |
| Chouteau | 1626 | 269 | 16.5% | 108 | 71 | 74 | 4 | 12 |
| Custer | 3120 | 316 | 10.1% | 120 | 45 | 112 | 15 | 24 |
| Daniels | 560 | 75 | 13.4% | 32 | 24 | 9 | 0 | 10 |
| Dawson | 2490 | 291 | 11.7% | 94 | 86 | 74 | 11 | 26 |
| Deer Lodge | 2527 | 292 | 11.6% | 59 | 65 | 108 | 13 | 47 |
| Fallon | 796 | 76 | 9.5% | 40 | 13 | 13 | 5 | 5 |
| Fergus | 3205 | 339 | 10.6% | 117 | 87 | 98 | 10 | 27 |
| Flathead | 20601 | 1944 | 9.4% | 681 | 370 | 717 | 46 | 130 |
| Gallatin | 16344 | 1026 | 6.3% | 332 | 189 | 378 | 32 | 95 |
| Garfield | 372 | 62 | 16.7% | 30 | 17 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Glacier | 3279 | 772 | 23.5% | 307 | 103 | 276 | 38 | 48 |
| Golden Valley | 254 | 42 | 16.5% | 8 | 22 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| Granite | 798 | 111 | 13.9% | 39 | 26 | 34 | 4 | 8 |
| Hill | 4253 | 650 | 15.3% | 212 | 98 | 245 | 3 | 92 |
| Jefferson | 2852 | 190 | 6.7% | 69 | 45 | 46 | 0 | 30 |
| Judith Basin | 661 | 108 | 16.3% | 58 | 29 | 8 | 8 | 5 |
| Lake | 7281 | 1020 | 14.0% | 329 | 140 | 407 | 36 | 108 |
| Lewis and Clark | 14935 | 1086 | 7.3% | 282 | 162 | 466 | 31 | 145 |
| Liberty | 584 | 111 | 19.0% | 59 | 33 | 13 | 4 | 2 |
| Lincoln | 5411 | 770 | 14.2% | 245 | 190 | 250 | 28 | 57 |
| McCone | 596 | 84 | 14.1% | 30 | 32 | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| Madison | 1924 | 196 | 10.2% | 72 | 90 | 22 | 2 | 10 |
| Meagher | 532 | 87 | 16.4% | 28 | 22 | 27 | 0 | 10 |
| Mineral | 1083 | 139 | 12.8% | 33 | 58 | 31 | 0 | 17 |
| Missoula | 23267 | 2048 | 8.8% | 501 | 334 | 947 | 71 | 195 |
| Musselshell | 1215 | 158 | 13.0% | 67 | 34 | 49 | 0 | 8 |
| Park | 4220 | 304 | 7.2% | 83 | 98 | 105 | 4 | 14 |
| Petroleum | 138 | 29 | 21.0% | 11 | 8 | 7 | 0 | 3 |
| Phillips | 1243 | 172 | 13.8% | 80 | 35 | 37 | 8 | 12 |
| Pondera | 1742 | 262 | 15.0% | 101 | 69 | 71 | 3 | 18 |
| Powder River | 535 | 53 | 9.9% | 23 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Powell | 1635 | 167 | 10.2% | 43 | 54 | 60 | 0 | 10 |
| Prairie | 354 | 47 | 13.3% | 21 | 17 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Ravalli | 10187 | 978 | 9.6% | 395 | 182 | 346 | 15 | 40 |
| Richland | 2646 | 215 | 8.1% | 88 | 43 | 59 | 2 | 23 |
| Roosevelt | 2650 | 732 | 27.6% | 150 | 69 | 407 | 43 | 63 |
| Rosebud | 2411 | 428 | 17.8% | 156 | 39 | 169 | 16 | 48 |
| Sanders | 2932 | 389 | 13.3% | 123 | 119 | 114 | 4 | 29 |
| Sheridan | 1146 | 121 | 10.6% | 60 | 38 | 14 | 6 | 3 |
| Silver Bow | 8970 | 961 | 10.7% | 280 | 113 | 413 | 33 | 122 |
| Stillwater | 2336 | 144 | 6.2% | 61 | 34 | 26 | 3 | 20 |
| Sweet Grass | 997 | 90 | 9.0% | 47 | 25 | 16 | 2 | 0 |
| Teton | 1743 | 212 | 12.2% | 105 | 36 | 48 | 4 | 19 |
| Toole | 1322 | 128 | 9.7% | 71 | 32 | 18 | 3 | 4 |
| Treasure | 247 | 21 | 8.5% | 11 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| Valley | 2140 | 204 | 9.5% | 81 | 41 | 56 | 10 | 16 |
| Wheatland | 512 | 57 | 11.1% | 15 | 28 | 12 | 0 | 2 |
| Wibaux | 292 | 25 | 8.6% | 13 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Yellowstone | 34488 | 2915 | 8.5% | 682 | 360 | 1408 | 136 | 329 |
| **Montana** | **238,733** | **25,004** | **10.5%** | **7,981** | **4,397** | **9,509** | **834** | **2,283** |
| **Montana 1990** | **213,625** | **19,833** | **9.3%** | **5,808** | **4,711** | **7,012** | **863** | **1,439** |
| **Change 1990-2000** | **10.5%** | **20.7%** | | **27.2%** | **-7.1%** | **26.3%** | **-3.5%** | **37.0%** |

## SUMMARY

Overall, the Montana economy has become more diversified since 1994, shifting toward the agriculture, forestry and fishery, construction, retail trade, and service industries and away from mining. These shifts in the economy may cause Montana to respond more rapidly in the future to the changing economic conditions nationwide.

Montana's unemployment rate has dropped 20% over the past eight years. Much of the job growth and available jobs continue to be in low paying industries such as services, agriculture, forestry, and fishery and retail trade. The finance, insurance and real estate sector has also shown significant job growth as well as a significant increase in wages.

Although the state's per capita personal income growth has outpaced the national average, it is still among the lowest levels in the nation. Unearned income sources continue to grow for Montana's families, and have grown almost twice as fast as wage income. Montana's overall poverty rate dropped from 1990 to 2002 (128,355 persons in Montana were under the poverty level in 2000), and then increased from 13.5% to 15.1% between 2002 and 2003. The number of Montana's families in poverty has increased since 1990; from 19,833 families under the poverty level in 1990 to 25,004 families under the poverty level in 2000.

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